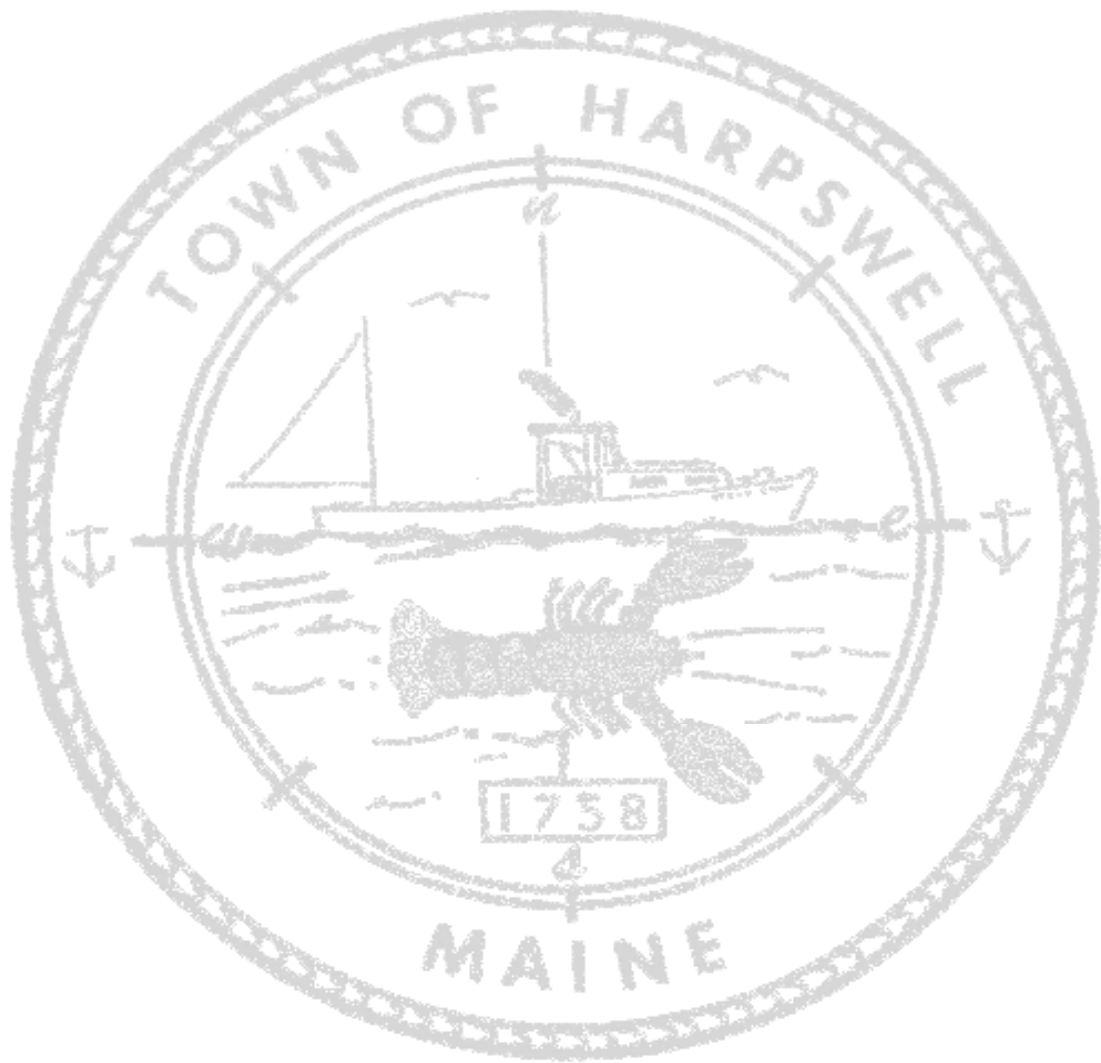


HarpSwell

2009



Annual Town Report



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Elected Town Officials

January 1 to December 31, 2009

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

James S. Henderson, Chairman (2010)

Mark E. Wallace (2011)

Elinor Multer (2012)

TOWN CLERK

Rosalind M. Knight (2010)

TAX COLLECTOR

Martha L. York (2010)

TREASURER

Marguerite M. Kelly (2010)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Robert E. Venard (2012)

M.S.A.D. # 75 DIRECTORS

Joanne Rogers (2012)

Dorothy D. Carrier (2010)

David A. Johnson (2011)

Jane B. Meisenbach (2011)

Directory & General Information

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 39, Harpswell, ME 04079

E-mail Address: harpswell@zwi.net

Website: www.harpswell.maine.gov

EMERGENCY 911

FIRE, POLICE, RESCUE, MARINE PATROL & ANIMAL CONTROL

Non-emergency: 1-800-266-1444

TOWN OFFICE HOURS 833-5771

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Closed Holidays

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS 833-6472

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Recycling Center & Transfer Station CLOSED

Every Sunday & Monday, Thursdays from January 1-May 1 & Town Meeting Day

Incorporated the 13th Town, January 25, 1758

First Settled Mid 1600's

Permanently Settled 1727

2000 Census: 5,239

Registered Voters: 4,102

Total Miles of Shoreline: 216.8

Total Area in Square Miles: 23.68

2009 State Valuation \$2,053,250,000

Town Officials

Town Administrator	<i>Kristi K. Eiane</i>
Deputy Town Administrator	<i>Terri-Lynn Sawyer</i>

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Deputy Treasurers	<i>Rosalind M. Knight, Martha L. York</i>
Deputy Tax Collector	<i>Jill M. Caldwell</i>
Deputy Town Clerk	<i>Catherine J. Doughty</i>
Registrar of Voters	<i>Rosalind M. Knight</i>
Deputy Registrars of Voters	<i>Catherine J. Doughty, Shirley C. Thompson, Pauline B. Toothaker, Joanne Gordon</i>
Voter Registration Appeals Board	<i>James Reed Coles, Barbara C. Knox, Beverly P. Gelwick, Donald S. Otto, Susan B. Lowery</i>
Codes Enforcement Officer	<i>William B. Wells</i>
Plumbing Inspector	<i>William B. Wells</i>
Harbormaster	<i>James M. Hays</i>
Health Officer	<i>Terri-Lynn Sawyer</i>
General Assistance Administrators	<i>Kristi K. Eiane, Linda J. Strickland</i>
Animal Control Officer	<i>George Lee Johnson</i>
Alternate Animal Control Officer	<i>Monica G. Graves</i>
Emergency Management Agent	<i>William P. Labbe</i>
Fire Warden	<i>Frank R. True, Jr.</i>
Deputy Fire Wardens	<i>Patricia B. Frank, Fernando R. Cantu, Linda J. Strickland, Lisa A. True, Greg R. Tisdale</i>
Tree Warden	<i>Timothy J. Vail</i>
Fire Chiefs	<i>David S. Mercier, Harpswell Neck William R. Beazley, Orr's/Bailey Island Benjamin A. Wallace, Jr., Cundys Harbor</i>

OTHER OFFICIALS

Ambulance Captains	<i>Joyce D. Thomas, Harpswell Neck Edward M. Sparks, Orr's-Bailey Island Helen C. Tupper, Cundy's Harbor</i>
Deputy Sheriffs	<i>Andreas Schenk, Clayton T. Stromski, Jay Ward</i>
Marine Patrol	<i>George Lee Bradbury, Bradley P. Rogers</i>
Superintendent of Schools	<i>J. Michael Wilhelm</i>
Principals	<i>Craig P. King, Mt. Ararat High School Brenda Brown, Middle School Michael J. Estes, West Harpswell School & Harpswell Islands School</i>

Boards & Committees

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Paula Conley '10
Hildegard Bird '11
Sally Wessel '11
Dan Boland '12
Hope Hilton '13
Debora Levensailor '10 Resigned

ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE

Susan Luce '09
Donald Miskill, Jr. '09
Robert Small '09
Douglas Johnson '09
George Johnson, ACO

BOARD OF APPEALS

Ellen Lebauer '10
John Perry '10
George Every '11
James Knight '11
Kent Simmons '12

BUDGET ADVISORY

Marguerite Kelly '10
Ellen Lebauer '10
Robin Brooks '11
Linda Hall '11
Burton Taylor, Jr. '12

COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY

CV Noyes '10
Alan Shaver '10
David Chipman '10

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION

Elsa Martz '10
John Papacosma '10
Louise Huntington '10
David Chipman '11
Robin Brooks '12
Burton Taylor, Jr. '12

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ann Nemrow '10
Anne Perry '10
Donald Jones '11
Burton Taylor, Jr. '12
Mary Ann Nahf '11
Anthony Barrett '12
Deirdre Strachan '12

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

William Beazley '10
Marguerite Kelly '10
Richard Leary, Jr. '10
David Mercier '10
Edward Sparks '10
Helen Tupper '10
Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '10
Mark Wallace, ex officio

ENERGY

Debora Levensailor '10
Robert Bartley '11
David Chipman '11
Trudi Riesenbergl '11
John Monaghan, Jr. '12

FIRE & RESCUE

William Beazley '10
David Mercier '10
Edward Sparks '10
Joyce Thomas '10
Helen Tupper '10
Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '10

HARBOR & WATERFRONT

Stephen Rowe '10
Robert Bartley '11
George Bradbury '11
Henry Schwartz '11
Len Duda '12

MARINE RESOURCES

Weston Watts '10
Vincent Hersey '10
David Wilson '10
Shelly Wilson '10
Michael Bernier Sr. '12
Connie Bernier '11
Walter Moody, Sr. '12

MITCHELL FIELD IMPLEMENTATION

Chris Duval '10
Sally Carignan '10 Resigned
Debora Levensailor '10
Karin Blake '10
Daniel Boland '12
David Chipman '12
James Hays '12
Donald Miskill, Jr. '12
Judith Redwine '12
Robert Roark '12

PIPELINE EASEMENT

Patricia McGovern '10
Walter Norton '11
Nancy Dimmick '11
Leonard Freeman '12
Richard Daniel '12
Kay Ogradnik '12

PLANNING BOARD

Joanne Rogers '10
Dorothy Carrier '11
John Papacosma '11
Robin Brooks '12
Roberta Floccher '12
Debora Levensailor '10 Associate
Burton Taylor, Jr. '10 Associate

RECREATION

Anthony Barrett '10
David Brooks '10
Susan Rich '10
Judith Arndt '11
Richard Meisenbach '11
Burton Taylor, Jr. '12

SIGN TASK FORCE

Michelle Henning '09
Cathy Alexander '09
Hati Modr '09
Elinor Multer '09
Jennifer VerPlanck '09

SOLID WASTE

Thomas Haible '10
Prescott McCurdy '10
Henry Schwartz '10
Anita Veilleux '10

TOWN LANDS

John Loyd, Jr. '10
Jane Smith '10
Chris Coffin '10
David Hackett '10
Ken Oehmig '11
Melinda Richter '12
Robert Waddle '12
Edward Perry '10 Associate



James S. Henderson



Mark E. Wallace



Elinor Multer

Selectmen's Report

During the past three years, the Board has maintained its high level of civility, even while dealing with difficult problems. The members (Ellie Multer, Mark Wallace, and Jim Henderson) each has had his/her own area of interest, experience, and expertise which they believe, contributes to improved decision-making and promoted effective outcomes for the community.

Beginning in March 2009, the Board streamlined its meeting schedule holding fewer “regular” meetings and combining the “administrative” meetings with the regular meetings. Thus, in 2009 the Board held 33 regular or special meetings (compared to 53 in 2008), taking about 110 hours to deal with over 540 administrative and substantive agenda items, not counting routine procedural matters. Factoring in additional meetings of Town committees that we attend; consultations with Town staff; preparation for the Board meetings; drafting and redrafting policies and ordinances for presentation at Board meetings; responding to constituent complaints and requests; and attending community meetings related to Town issues; the number of hours grows substantially.

Seeking to reach out to communities, the Board held one regular meeting in the Cundy's Harbor Community Hall and one at the West Harpswell School.

Among our accomplishments for the year were the following:

- Keeping the Town's budget from significantly increasing the property tax rate (though the County and SAD 75 portions are not under our control),
- Maintaining a close oversight on the pending construction of the communications tower until it was finally built, with the promise of improved cell phone coverage and, importantly, improved communications for our fire and rescue departments,
- Improving our economic development review policy,
- Posting all Board and Town policies on the web and including a section of the site for information on pending legislation that would have an impact on Harpswell,

- Rescheduling our ordinance hearings to allow more effective participation,
- Commissioning and receiving an excellent study of the costs and related options regarding the disposition of the West Harpswell School building,
- Completing the arrangements to permit removal of the pipeline to begin in early 2010,
- Taking an active role in aiding Town owners of shore property to understand the implications of the new proposals from the Federal Emergency Management, and budgeting funds to provide for expert assistance with this issue,
- Opposing the proposed cut in auto excise taxes which would have significantly diminished Town revenues,
- Providing testimony in support of the efforts of the Carrying Place Assembly to restore the historic boundary between Brunswick and Harpswell,
- Awarding contracts for the needed renovation of the Town dock at Potts Point and for the reconstruction of Ash Point Road,
- Approving new rules for dogs at Mitchell Field in order to provide a daily time during which all dogs must be leashed, and
- Meeting at the Town Office with officials of Central Maine Power and lodging complaints about the frequency of outages here. Received assurances that the Company was taking steps, both with personnel and equipment, to upgrade the level of service.

In the immediate future the Town may have to deal with the closure of the West Harpswell School, with its resulting challenges; and decide whether to take on the responsibility for the building or leave it for private disposition.

The Selectmen thank the Budget Committee, under the leadership of Treasurer, Marguerite Kelly, for its diligent work in presenting a budget for these challenging times. And they cannot overlook the many hundreds of dedicated hours expended by Harpswell's other volunteer committees, and its fire and rescue departments, without which Harpswell would be a very different, and less inviting, community.

Town Administrator's Report

Appropriations. In 2009 and again in 2010, budget development was predicated on the premise that these are difficult economic times and budgets presented to voters at the annual Town Meeting should minimize financial impacts on taxpayers. As a result, 2009 appropriations were 2.3% lower than the prior year and proposed 2010 appropriations are 1% less than in 2009. From department heads to appointed officials to Budget Advisory Committee members to Selectmen, those involved in budget development and review have carefully prioritized to reach a proposed 2010 budget that minimizes the effect on Harpswell property taxpayers while continuing to provide existing levels of municipal service and meet longer term capital objectives.

Revenues. Reductions in revenue streams have put pressure on the amount needed from property taxes to offset appropriations. In 2009, estimated non-property tax revenues were reduced in total by 8.9% from the prior year. In 2010, the Town has continued its conservative approach, by reducing revenue estimates another 3.7%. Over the past couple of years, there have been noticeable reductions in excise fees, interest earnings, sales of recyclable materials, State revenue sharing, and the State homestead reimbursement (which was reduced from a \$13,000 exemption per resident household to \$10,000 in 2010 by the State legislature, and may not be fully reimbursed until the following fiscal year). These reductions have been taken into account as part of the 2010 budget process and in determining compliance with LD 1.

LD 1 Compliance. Harpswell's LD 1 levy limit increased from of \$2,103,780 in 2009 to \$2,184,539 in 2010. LD 1 limits the amount that can be collected from property taxes for municipal purposes by tying it to the increase in new value (1.52%), the 10-year average of growth in real income (1.78%) and the change in revenue sharing from the prior year. The new levy limit, coupled with non-property tax revenue sources totaling \$1,880,000, allows for a 2010 budget of up to \$4,064,539 to be deemed LD 1 compliant.

Borrowing for Capital Needs. In addition to appropriations of \$4,007,083, a borrowing in the amount of \$600,000 is being proposed in the 2010 budget. This borrowing will build up the emergency services vehicle reserve account which was established to meet the vehicular needs, over a 20-year period, of the three independent fire and rescue organizations serving the Town of Harpswell. With interest rates low over the past couple of years and the Town's debt obligation decreasing considerably after 2010, the Town also borrowed for a capital road project in 2009. Repayment of these bonds will be spread over time to avoid burdening taxpayers in any one year for long-lived capital items.

New Projects in 2010. During challenging economic times, the Town has been reluctant to propose new projects, but there are at least two areas in 2010 that warrant consideration. (1) FEMA Mapping Assistance: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is currently updating Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) with the likelihood that new base flood elevations and risk zones will be formally proposed in 2010. A property owner may be affected in multiple ways, including but not limited to flood insurance requirements, limitations on land use activities and the elimination of a previously approved letter of map change or amendment. Pending Town Meeting's approval of a request for \$20,000, the Selectmen will be in a position to hire a qualified consultant to evaluate, and possibly challenge, the models and assumptions used by FEMA. With the potential of many property owners being affected by the new mapping data, it is critical that the Town ensure FEMA's data is reliable and the results are supportable. (2) Energy Conservation: As result of an energy audit performed in 2008, the Town made modifications to its interior lighting in 2009 by installing time and motion sensors in key areas of the building. In order to move forward on other identified modifications, the Town Meeting is being asked to approve \$10,000 in 2010 to use as a match for grant funding, or for directly funding improvements that will result in savings to the Town over time.

Grants. Staff members continue to seek out grant funding sources that support identified goals and purposes without significant impact on the property tax rate.

- Harbor Management Planning: In 2009, the Town received a \$20,000 grant from the State Planning Office to develop a harbor and management plan. The Harbormaster in conjunction with the Harbor and Waterfront Committee will be working with a consultant to seek public input as part of the plan development process prior to creation of a written plan.
- Zoning & Performance Standards at Mitchell Field: \$25,000 was awarded to the Town from the Cumberland County Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). This funding has been used to hire a consultant to assist the Town with developing zoning and performance standards at Mitchell Field. By having such standards in place, the Town will be better prepared to attract business development to the site.
- Home Energy Audits and Weatherization: The Town received \$10,000 from Cumberland County CDBG for assisting low- to moderate-income qualifying households with home energy audits. In addition, the Town is positioned to fund certain weatherization improvements. Interested homeowners are encouraged to contact the Town Office directly for more information.
- Replacement of Failed Septic System: The Town expects to receive up to \$15,000 in 2010 from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Small Community Grant Program to fund the immediate replacement of a failing septic system.

Tax Relief. Many eligible property taxpayers and renters are not availing themselves of the State of Maine's Property Tax and Rent Refund Program. Please contact the Town Office if you need more information about this rebate program or if you need assistance with filling out the form. For the past several years, Town Treasurer Marguerite Kelly has been assisting residents with the application process.

Requests for Proposal. Requests for proposals were issued in 2009 for the following major service areas: (1) disposal of municipal solid waste and construction debris; (2) winter road maintenance and (3) engineering. The Board of Selectmen opted to contract with the ecomaine organization for waste disposal; Goodall Landscaping for winter road maintenance; and Gorrill-Palmer for engineering services. Seeking such proposals on a periodic basis ensures that the Town is conducting an open process and paying competitive rates for the services it solicits.

Thanks and Appreciation. Staff service and volunteer contributions continue to be of the highest quality. An example to cite would be that of the West Harpswell School Work Group. This group of five volunteers spent countless hours researching the physical condition of West Harpswell School, and then produced a high quality report at no cost to the Town which is now available to the public. It is a privilege to work with elected and appointed officials, other staff and volunteers who are so committed to providing quality service and engaging in efforts to better their local government and community.



Back Row: Pat Frank, Kristi Eiane, Martha York, Jim Hays, Jill Caldwell, Terri-Lynn Sawyer, Marguerite Kelly, Cathy Doughty, Front Row: Linda Strickland, Jason Marshall, Melissa Moretti, Gina Perow, Carol Tukey, Jean Rich and Roz Knight Absent: Lee Johnson, William Labbe, Frank True, Bill Wells, Debbie Turner

Assessing

The Assessing Department is responsible for discovering, listing, and determining value and equalization of all taxable property, real and personal, within the Town of Harpswell for the purpose of taxation. These duties and responsibilities are completed annually and must comply with Maine taxation statutes.

Discovery is accomplished by reviewing deeds, surveys, subdivision plans, taxpayer list declaration forms, building permits, etc. Listing involves site inspections for new/old permits and verification of current data is important for determination of value. Valuation and equalization is the process of assigning tax assessments which result in the equitable distribution of property tax, as defined by Maine law.

The Assessors committed the annual tax rolls to the Tax Collector on July 31, 2009, with the mil rate of \$6.19 per \$1,000.

2009 Statistics:

4926	Real Estate Parcels
145	Personal Property Business Accounts
1484	Homestead Exemption
261	Veteran's Exemption
3	Blind Exemption
126	Parcels Exemption from taxation
51	Tree Growth Current Use Program (1,450.06 acres)

4	Farmland Current Use Program (40 acres)
17	Open Space Current Use Program (530.42 acres)
1	Working Waterfront Current Use Program
353	Deeds recorded at the Registry of Deeds
686	Site inspection for data collection of building changes
14	New Lots Created

\$ 1,800,946,200.00	Total Real Property Value
\$ 3,236,800.00	Total Personal Property/Business Equipment Value
\$ (58,276,460.00)	Less Exempt Real Property
\$ (1,594,880.00)	Less Personal Exemption (Veteran, Blind, Parsonage) not reimbursed by the state
\$ (9,260,160.00)	Less 50% Homestead Exemption not reimbursed by the state
\$ 1,735,051,500.00	Total Valuation for 2009
\$ 6.19	Mil Rate (per \$1,000)
\$ 10,739,970.62	Total Taxes to be collected for the 2009 tax year
96%	Assessment Ratio

Property Tax Relief

Homestead Exemption: Available to all legal residents, for their principal residence, if they have lived there 12 months or have moved from a similarly qualifying residence. The exemption reduces the assessed value of the residential property each year. In 2009, the exemption reduced the taxable value by \$13,000. In 2010, the exemption was changed and the reduction will be \$10,000. Once qualified, taxpayers need not reapply annually.

Veteran's Exemption: Available to veterans who served honorably during a federally recognized war period and have reached the age of 62 on or before April 1 of the year first qualifying. The exemption is also available to widows of same and to veterans of any age who have a 100% service-connected disability. Presently, the exemption reduces the taxable value by \$6,000. Again, once qualified, annual reapplication is not necessary.

Blind Exemption: Available to residents who are legally blind and have a signed letter from a licensed Doctor of Osteopathy, Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Optometry. Presently, the exemption reduces the taxable value by \$4,000. Once qualified, taxpayers need not reapply annually.

Farmland: Available to landowners who have 5 acres or more and are using them for farming, agriculture, or horticultural activities. There is a penalty for any changes in use. Application needs to be updated and/or reviewed every 5 years.

Open Space: Available to landowners who are interested in permanently protecting their land. The assessed value of the land can be reduced by using one or all of the following categories for open space: open space, 20% deduction; permanently protected from development under a perpetual conservation easement, 30% deduction; forever wild which provides opportunities for low-impact outdoor recreation, nature observation and studies, 20% deduction; and finally, public access by reasonable means under landowners provisions, 25% deduction. There is a penalty for any changes in use. Once qualified, landowners need not reapply annually, but the landowners are required to give the assessor(s) notice of any changes in land classification.

Tree Growth: Available to landowners who have at least 10 acres of forest land for commercial harvesting. There is a penalty for any changes in use. Applications need to be updated by a licensed professional forester at least every 10 years.

Working Waterfront: Up to a 20% deduction on the land is available to landowners whose land is primarily used for commercial fishing activities. If the deed shows restrictions for commercial use only, 30% deduction on the land. There is a penalty for any changes in use. The assessor determines annually whether any classified land continues to meet the requirements.

State Of Maine Circuit Breaker Program: This is a tax relief program administered by the State for individuals whose property taxes exceed a certain amount of their income. Renters, as well as homeowners can take advantage of the circuit breaker program - a person does not need to own his or her home to be eligible. Applications for the property tax & rent relief program are available at the Town Office or from Maine Revenue Services in Augusta.

The above is a summary of the exemptions and the current use programs that are offered to Maine property owners. Please contact the Assessing Office for more detailed information prior to or on April 1, 2010 by calling 833-5771 or going to our website at www.harpswell.maine.gov. Also on the website you may view and /or print property information, tax maps, sales data, and applications for the current use programs and exemptions.

Code Enforcement Office

As many residents are aware, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of a nationwide conversion to digital format for its Flood Insurance Rate Maps. This process has produced preliminary maps with flood hazard areas and base flood elevations that differ, sometimes greatly, from the current maps. These changes can impact coastal property owners, as the maps are the basis for flood insurance rates as well as construction standards, requirements and restrictions for structures within designated flood hazard areas.

The Town is actively involved in discussions with FEMA, State and Federal representatives and engineering professionals to ensure that the new rules imposed are based on accurate information. FEMA representatives will be visiting Harpswell for a Town Hall style meeting in early 2010. The Town website and local publications will be used to notify residents when a date is confirmed for this meeting.

In the interim, residents are encouraged to visit the Code Enforcement Office to view the preliminary maps, as well as publications released by FEMA that explain some of the changes and their potential consequences.

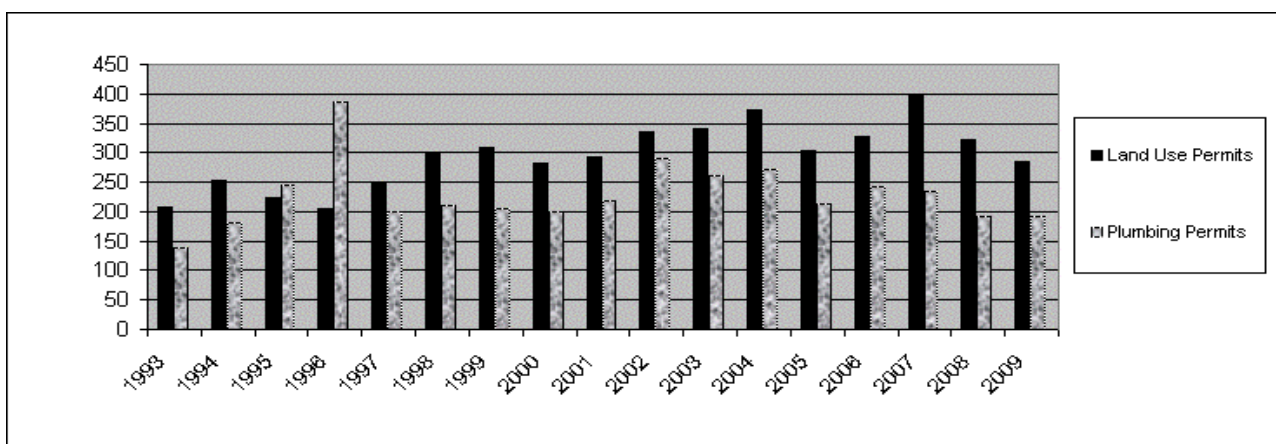
Despite the lingering economic downturn, construction projects in Harpswell had another relatively strong year, with 285 Building/Land Use Permits issued compared to 321 in 2008. 177 permits were issued for internal plumbing or septic systems, compared to 192 in 2008.

In addition, more than 47 complaints by residents were investigated for violations of Town Ordinances.

The Code Enforcement Office anticipates a very busy year in 2010. Please feel free to visit, call or e-mail with questions, concerns or suggestions.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL
Trendline of Plumbing and Building Permits

Year Issued	Permits Issued	Plumbing Permits	Mobile Homes	New Home	Accessory Structures	Additions Renovations	Piers Docks Floats	Rip-Rap Seawall	Other/repairs Maintenance	Replacement Dwellings	Replace Wharf	Condos
1993	209	139	5	46	47	70	30	4	7	N/A	N/A	
1994	253	181	7	54	46	99	29	6	12	N/A	N/A	
1995	223	245	9	47	36	77	46	1	7	N/A	N/A	
1996	205	386	14	33	40	86	24	3	5	N/A	N/A	
1997	251	199	10	44	53	94	34	6	10	N/A	N/A	
1998	302	210	8	43	49	122	52	15	13	N/A	N/A	
1999	310	204	9	57	53	109	36	12	34	N/A	N/A	
2000	282	201	12	47	74	85	18	3	43	N/A	N/A	
2001	292	219	7	53	85	79	37	2	29	N/A	N/A	
2002	336	290	9	76	87	107	33	4	20	N/A	N/A	
2003	340	262	3	60	79	125	33	4	36	N/A	N/A	
2004	372	271	12	61	83	125	28	10	48	5	N/A	
2005	304	214	0	31	86	114	27	10	16	11	9	
2006	327	241	2	35	112	80	23	8	41	7	18	1
2007	399	234	2	45	114	104	27	10	63	4	30	
2008	321	192	0	23	70	113	21	18	54	7	15	0
2009	285	192	5	18	61	88	26	15	57	9	6	0



Planning Office

The Planning Office's role is to provide professional planning assistance to the Town's various boards and committees. The Planning Office is responsible for administering the Town's Subdivision and Site Plan Review Ordinance, several Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects, maintaining the Comprehensive Plan, assisting several Town committees with their planning efforts, and coordinating with other towns, and outside entities in the areas of environment, housing, and economic development.

The Town boards and committees that the Planning Office assists are Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC), Mitchell Field Implementation Committee (MFIC), and the Affordable Housing Committee. In addition to the projects outlined in this report, staff of the Planning Office was involved with several community groups and committees to support efforts to improve the quality of life for residents of Harpswell. Some additional activities of the staff include involvement with and participation on the Mid Coast Council of Governments (MCOG), MidCoast Economic Development District (MCEDD), Sagadahoc Regional Rural Resource (SRRRI), MidCoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA), Harpswell Business Association (HBA), Governor's Advisory Council (GAC), New Meadows River Watershed Project (NMRWP), Community Development Block Grant Municipal Oversight Committee (CDBG MOC), MidCoast Housing Coalition, and the Ecosystem Indicator Partnership for Coastal Communities – Gulf of Maine Estuary Project.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Open Space Plan – The Planning Office provided regular support to the Conservation Commission in its implementation of the recently adopted Open Space Plan.

Planning Services

The Planning Office provided planning review services for the Planning Board which included subdivisions, site plans and regulations, as well as ordinance changes. Staff in the department regularly attends scheduled Planning Board meetings. The Planning Office has assisted the Town with approximately 10 subdivision amendments and site plan reviews.

By the way, here are some interesting subdivision facts:

- There are 133 subdivisions in Harpswell.
- 110 subdivisions have more than 4 lots.
- 65 subdivisions have 10 or more lots.

The Planning Office provides continuing support to the Affordable Housing Committee in its efforts to write a Workforce Housing Ordinance as recommended by the 2005 Comprehensive Plan.

In addition, the Planning Office assists the CPIC with the implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. CPIC members are currently working on the village/rural area designation project.

Interesting information:

- The population has grown 158% since 1960.

- The current village areas have lots that range from 300 sq ft to 30,000 sq ft.
- The term “rural” in Maine is defined by Growsmart Maine as lots of at least 20 acres or more.
- Harpswell’s current required minimum lot sizes are either 40,000 sq ft. (about 1 acre) or 80,000 sq ft (about 2 acres).

Community Development Block Grant Projects

The Planning Office in conjunction with the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee (MFIC) received a grant to assist with the creation of development standards for the marine business areas at Mitchell Field. The Planning Office and the MFIC are currently working on this project, which is one of the steps in the business development process.

Outside Boards and Committees Highlights

MidCoast Council of Governments (MCOG) - This group was originally known as Midcoast Business Development and Planning (MCBDP). The Council is working to re-evaluate its efforts to provide better services to towns.

Sagadahoc Regional Rural Resource (SRRRI) - This group is working on regional approaches to natural resource improvements such as open space planning and a guidebook for conservation.

MidCoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA) -The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA) is a non-profit, quasi-public organization established by the Maine State Legislature to implement the BNAS Reuse Master Plans for both Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS) and the Topsham Annex. The Planning Office maintains a presence at each monthly meeting and assists in efforts that may have an impact on Harpswell.

New Meadows River Watershed Project (NMRWP) -This group is a spin off of SRRRI and is working on conservation and improvements for the New Meadows River watershed. Improvement projects so far include erosion controls in Brunswick. The next town slated for these improvements is Harpswell.

MidCoast Housing Coalition - The goals of the group are to educate the public on a better understanding of community housing issues in the region; support the building, preservation, and rehabilitation of attractive affordable owner and rental housing; support the development of a regional workforce/affordable housing strategy and policies; encourage the development of local housing groups throughout the region; help low income elderly and others with their housing options; and help people move from homelessness to permanent housing.

The Planning Office wants to thank all the people who have made this an exceptional and enjoyable year! We welcome any assistance and comments on our continuing projects and if you have ideas for the future, please come in, we would love to hear them.

Emergency Management Agency

The Year 2009 began with an announcement that there could be an outbreak of a new flu virus by the end of the year. The country, the state, the county, and the town began planning for this possibility. By mid summer the virus had a name: “H1N1”. The U.S. government worked diligently to make the vaccine available to the public and to prepare for this pandemic.

A meeting was held at the Augusta Civic Center where Dr. Dora Mills, Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, laid out the program for this potentially deadly flu. Everyone should have had a flu shot by January 1, 2010. The height of this flu hit the State of Maine in November and December. Throughout this ordeal the Town Health Officer, the Town Administrator and the Emergency Management Agent worked very closely, monitoring H1N1 preparedness efforts at the municipal level.

The goal for 2010 is to continue to ensure that the Town of Harpswell will be in a ready status should a disaster occur.

General Assistance

As a result of economic decline, the General Assistance program experienced an increased number of applications and correspondingly higher level of expenditure in 2009 as compared to the prior year. Maine statute requires that all municipalities administer a service “for the immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide the basic necessities.” To determine compliance, an annual audit is performed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Once again, Harpswell’s program was deemed compliant, ensuring that the Town will continue to be reimbursed by the State for 50% of its costs.

Applicants are expected to provide documentation of income. In addition, repeat applicants are required to verify how they spent their income in the 30 days prior to making application. The General Assistance Administrator may assign workfare for an applicant to perform.

The General Assistance Administrator also serves as a conduit to connect clients to other available resources. In particular, clients are often referred to the federally funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) which is administered under the auspices of the Maine State Housing Authority by Peoples Regional Opportunity Program. Harpswell residents may call 1-800-698-4959 or 553-5800 for an appointment.

In March 2008, the Town Meeting approved the Harpswell Heating Assistance Program (HHAP). This is a locally administered program intended to aid those who do not qualify for other heating assistance programs, but who need help with heating costs. In 2009, the HHAP provided assistance to a total of 37 households, 29 first-time and 8 repeat, at an average benefit of \$285 per application.

Thanks to the generosity of the Harpswell Festival, fundraising efforts by Cook's Lobster House and contributions from many other donors, the fund has been maintained at a healthy level.

If you have questions about any of the above-mentioned programs, please contact Linda Strickland at the Town Office.

General Assistance Statistics

	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Utilities</i>	<i>Heating</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Total</i>
2009	\$13,277	\$2,149	\$2,494	\$ 416	\$ 0	\$171	\$18,509
2008	\$ 9,769	\$1,492	\$2,528	\$ 602	\$318	\$196	\$14,905
2007	\$ 6,675	\$ 540	\$2,698	\$ 509	\$ 80	\$119	\$10,621
2006	\$ 4,678	\$1,752	\$1,476	\$ 695	\$785	\$153	\$ 9,539
2005	\$ 7,498	\$1,134	\$2,738	\$ 701	\$ 49	\$313	\$12,433
2004	\$ 3,588	\$ 939	\$1,466	\$1,878	\$700	\$203	\$ 8,774

Animal Control Officer

The most efficient and reliable way to reach the Harpswell Animal Control Officer (ACO) Lee Johnson or the Deputy Animal Control Officer, Monica Graves is through the Cumberland County Dispatcher at 1- 800 - 266 - 444, who will page the ACO. Calls to the ACO's home or cell phone may not be picked up for several hours or days, particularly when the Deputy ACO is covering. Protocol requires Cumberland County to keep records of calls.

2009 was the year of the cat. There were many stray cats and kittens picked up and many cats, as well as dogs, given up by owners who could not afford to feed and care for them. In an attempt to assist pet owners, the ACO facilitates the delivery of food and medications, which have been donated to the Coastal Humane Society, to owners who cannot afford to feed and care for their pets.

Additionally, through Coastal Humane Society, some spaying, neutering and medical care was provided at low or no cost to struggling animal owners.

The ACO serves on the Coastal Humane Society Board of Directors, was part of the Mitchell Field Dog Owner Task Force and assisted in the Town of Harpswell Animal Control Ordinance revision. As a member of the Coastal Humane Society Board of Directors the ACO is able to give input from a unique field position. The Mitchell Field Animal Control Task Force (ACTF) conducted a survey of residents to determine if additional rules were needed and recommend appropriate signage. See the ACTF report for more information. The ACO also, worked with the Town Administrator to revise the Town ordinance to align with state law. Revisions were adopted unanimously by the Selectmen in November and will be presented to the Town Meeting.

Town of Harpswell residents continue to be vigilant, compassionate and helpful. It is great to have a community that cares deeply for all creatures great and small.

Fire Warden

For 2009, 750 permits were issued by the Town fire wardens and 182 permits were issued online. Town-issued permits dropped by over 150 permits from 2008, while online permits increased by 25.

Open burning is not allowed in the Town of Harpswell without a permit so please stop by the Town Office and see Pat Frank or Linda Strickland during normal business hours M-F and Fred Cantu at the Recycling Center on Saturdays. Fire Permits can be obtained on-line at www.maineburnpermit.com for a \$7.00 fee. Fire Wardens Frank True, Dick Wyer, and Lisa True can issue permits anytime.

In 2009, the top complaint continued to be unattended burns. It is illegal to leave an open burn until it is completely extinguished. To burn legally, the fire must remain in the control of the person providing oversight at all times. Although better than 2008, complaints from neighbors are still being received of smoke from open burning. Burners need to remember that, during the summer, windows are open, and it is necessary to know which direction the wind is blowing and act accordingly.

In the interest of public safety, permits are not issued when the fire danger is determined to be "extreme" or "very high" by the Maine Forest Service, and only a limited number of permits are issued when the danger is "high." During the fire season, the Forest Service posts current fire hazard conditions daily on its website at <http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/firedanger/fire.shtml>

Plan your burn when vegetation is damp and wind is calm. Burning when the ground is snow-covered, during a light drizzle, and/or just before precipitation is forecast is ideal. Typically November-March offer the safest conditions for open burning.

When you receive a burn permit, you agree to follow a specific set of safe practices. Please review these carefully before burning. Burning must proceed with all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of fire and must not create any nuisance conditions for neighbors.

Don't burn when wind speed exceeds 10 mph (5 mph when burning grass); if the wind comes up you must extinguish the fire.

Fires must be attended at all times by at least 1 adult with the necessary tools and water. You must have a written permit in your possession, whether issued online or by a warden.

You are responsible for the fire if it escapes and may be liable for suppression costs up to \$10,000 as well as any damages caused to other property.

Thank you, for being a responsible burner.

Harbormaster

The main function of the Harbormaster is the management of all harbors, anchorages, mooring fields and Town landings. 2009 was the fourth year that moorings were inventoried in a GPS system. These records allow for tracking mooring placements and are used to compare GPS readings to mooring registration payments. It also shows trends of mooring assignments in past years. In addition to the mooring GPS readings, the locations of all wharfs (recreational and commercial) were plotted and recorded. The locations of wharfs will be added to Town maps providing additional information that can be referred to when making decisions affecting the working waterfront.

Harbor Management plan

In 2009 the Town secured a grant from the State Planning Office to develop a Harbor Management Plan. A request for proposals was written and sent out to consultants throughout New England and the selection of a consultant to work with the Harbor and Waterfront Committee was completed. CES, a consulting firm from Auburn, was selected to provide the Town with a written, detailed Harbor Management Plan.

The framework for the Management Plan will include an inventory of all major harbors, promote the resolution of waterfront issues, set guidelines for managing the waterfront in the future, and serve as a work plan for the Harbormaster and Waterfront Committee over the next 5 to 10 years.

Community forums are being held to gather information for the plan and to provide everyone with the opportunity to voice what is important to them about the Harpswell waterfront. A wide range of community participation and input will provide the best information for the plan. CES will take the ideas generated from the forums and lay out a plan that can be referred to when making decisions that affect the waterfront.

Moorings: Mooring fees for existing moorings are due prior to May 1, 2010. A late fee will be assessed if not paid by May 1, 2010. Applications for new moorings can be found on the Harpswell website or can be picked up at the Harpswell Town Office. The mooring registration number for all moorings is to be permanently marked on the mooring buoy.

Potts Point Town Wharf: The restoration of the Potts Point Town Wharf was completed in June 2009 within the contracted timeframe and ready for the summer boating season.

Navigational Aids: A seasonal navigational aid was placed at Lombos Hole in 2009 and the navigational day markers/aids, on the east side of the Cribstone Bridge in Will's Gut, were replaced in 2009.

Website: The Town website has a Harbormaster section, under Town departments, that includes information about mooring applications, fees, and maps of mooring fields. Information will also be posted about waterfront activities and the harbor planning progress.

Recreation

Summary of Recreation Programs

	# Registered	# Weeks
Learn to Ski & Ride Lost Valley	38	Six
A fantastic program from Lost Valley offering ski & snowboard lessons for ages 7 & up. Tickets are also available for family members of those taking lessons and Harpswell community members.		
Ararat Youth Basketball League	34	Ten
A chance for boys & girls grades 3-6 to play basketball with those from surrounding towns including Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Richmond and Topsham. Thanks to an anonymous donor, this program is free to all Harpswell children. Students from Harpswell Islands & West Harpswell schools are combined.		
Basketball "Fun"damentals	15	Six
Teaches grades K-2 the basics of basketball with lots of drills, dribbling and motor skill work. Runs at both Harpswell schools.		
Karate	36	Six
A non-contact program combining physical activity & confidence-building skills. Taught by Sensei Nelson Vaughn of Shotokan Karate Academy. Offered spring & fall at both Harpswell schools.		
Harpswell Harriers Cross Country Running	15 Spring, 21 Fall	Six
Children learn proper stretching, running and cool-down techniques while running on local trails. Weekly competition with children from other area towns. Students from both Harpswell schools combined.		
T-Ball	25	Six
Ages 5-7 learn basics of baseball with emphasis on team skills. Harpswell students combined.		
Baseball & Softball	43 Baseball, 20 Softball	Eight
Boys & girls compete with other towns. Home games played at Trufant-Summerton Athletic Field. Students combined.		
Red Cross Summer Swim	243	Eight
Held at Bowdoin College pool. Age 4 & up. One-on-one instruction for beginners - up to stroke refinement for advanced swimmers. Daily one-hour lessons. Harpswell attendance was 72.		

Camp Harpswell	30	One
Incoming students grades 2-5. Program of physical activity, arts, crafts, games, theater & more. Past themes include Dancing with the Stars, Survivor & Happy Birthday Harpswell. Every year holds a new & exciting experience.		
Abbot Fletcher Sailing School	9	One or Two
Students learn rigging, sailing, sailors' knots, man-overboard rescues & capsize recovery procedures. Held at Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club throughout the summer with one- & two-week options.		
Kayaking for Kids with H2Outfitters	11	One
Held by Cribstone Bridge with beginner & intermediate options		
Fall Family Fun Days	10	Six
Geared for younger children. Whole family welcome. Children choose among range of activities including soccer & other games & sports.		
Field Hockey	10	Five
Boys & girls grades 3-6 learn the basics. All equipment is provided, including eye protection. Scrimmages with other towns at end of season. Practices twice a week. Children combined.		
Community/Family Swim	605	Eight
Held at Bowdoin College pool. Open to all community members during the fall and winter sessions. Combined attendance is for Fall and Winter sessions. Harpswell attendance is 172.		

Adult Program Overview

Adult programming includes, photography with David Higgins in the Fall, multiple sessions of mat and chair yoga with Janet Alexander, ongoing Tuesday bridge and beginner's bridge. Schedules vary for all adult programs. Please call or visit the Town website for more information. We also display Art at the Town Office. Applications are located on our website or at the Town Office.

Baseball in 2009

Four Harpswell nine-year-olds were selected to play on the Ararat Cal Ripken League 9U All Star Team: Michael Rogers, Kyle Brady, Ryan Mello & Sam Alexander. Practices began in June and the State tournament was held in July at Mechanic Falls. The Ararat Team never lost a game in the 17-team tournament, defeating Skowhegan for the championship by 7-6. The Team continued its season, participating in the New England Regional Tournament in Dover, N.H. They lost two games there and were ousted. Each Team member was outstanding and represented Harpswell admirably throughout.

Many improvements have been made to the Recreation website, from a "What's New" page to inter-active, printable, downloadable, program calendars. Find the site at www.harpswell.maine.gov For information on Harpswell recreation programs please contact Gina Perow, Recreation Director, at 833-5771, ext. 103 or harpswellrec2@suscom-maine.net.

A. Dennis Moore Recycle Center and Transfer Station

The last half of 2009 saw an upswing in the sale prices of recyclable materials. Overall, total tonnage received at the Recycling Center remained flat from 2008 to 2009, however, the percent of recycled material decreased, likely meaning that more recyclables were being thrown away as trash at a time when sale prices made a substantial rebound from late 2008 levels. This results in higher disposal expenses and lower revenues.

Tonnage processed at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station is as follows:

Waste Received		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Recycling Center	1768.6	1702.6	1659.5	1622.8	1620.0
	Transfer Station	1555.8	1570.8	1959.7	1327.0	1187.7
	Total Tons	3324.4	3273.4	3619.2	2949.8	2807.7
Recycling Rate						
	Recycling Center	35.9%	35.5%	36.0%	34.4%	31.9%
	Transfer Station	75.8%	70.6%	76.3%	59.7%	68.9%
	Annual Recycling Rate	54.6%	52.4%	57.9%	44.6%	47.4%

The staff continues to find unacceptable hazardous materials left at the facility despite the presence of signs and written guidelines to the contrary. Gasoline and other fuels, antifreeze, oil based paints and wood finishes are the most common. This can create environmental hazards and result in substantial fines from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. All residents are asked to adhere to the guidelines and signs, and the Recycle Center staff is always happy to answer questions regarding Hazardous Materials and proper disposal. In addition, the Bi-Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days occur in May and October each year.

The Recycle Center and Transfer Station Manager and Staff have improved safety and efficiency through traffic control, installation of safety equipment, updated procedures and several facilities improvements. We ask that all residents do their part by ensuring that materials are separated and deposited in the proper locations and that glass, metal and plastic containers are rinsed and clean before delivery to ensure cleanliness of the facility and the health of the staff.



Cody King, Lester Goodwin, Mark Wallace, Greg King, Fernando Cantu

**Town of Harpswell
Summary of Revenues, Recycling Transfer Station**

Revenues Generated by Recycling/ Transfer Operations

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Disposal Fees:										
Brush	\$3,869	\$5,694	\$5,957	\$7,130	\$9,869	\$18,584	\$11,434	\$11,051	\$11,031	\$15,955
Demo Material	\$61,583	\$63,451	\$33,348	\$48,124	\$69,862	\$77,970	\$101,835	\$113,993	\$125,462	\$106,525
Household Debris	\$4,362	\$3,550	\$2,838	\$2,914	\$4,873	\$12,780	\$7,349	\$9,604	\$5,405	\$1,286
Refrigerators	\$670	\$830	\$1,022	\$1,424	\$2,075	\$1,905	\$1,866	\$1,741	\$1,375	\$1,697
Metal			\$3,128	\$4,029	\$6,839	\$8,812	\$5,731	\$6,518	\$3,276	\$8,961
Tires	\$820	\$1,141	\$1,882	\$1,585	\$2,170	\$2,959	\$1,731	\$1,718	\$1,580	\$1,887
Universal Waste			\$3,453	\$3,674	\$3,723	\$4,678	\$6,249	\$4,927	\$2,745	\$3,095
White goods						\$41	\$45			
Subtotal	\$71,304	\$74,665	\$51,626	\$68,879	\$99,412	\$127,729	\$136,240	\$149,551	\$150,874	\$139,407
Sales:										
Cans & Bottles	\$2,579	\$2,111	\$4,307	\$6,009	\$6,565	\$6,771	\$7,024	\$6,877	\$4,376	\$7,291
Cardboard	\$5,910	\$2,933	\$9,323	\$5,496	\$7,964	\$7,141	\$6,494	\$9,768	\$9,633	\$4,201
Glass	\$381	\$268					\$4	\$0		
Metal	\$8,134	\$9,156	\$2,494	\$4,061	\$8,046	\$8,546	\$10,741	\$6,609	\$15,838	\$10,597
Newspaper	\$13,797	\$8,603	\$11,785	\$16,146	\$23,154	\$15,106	\$21,683	\$26,967	\$19,658	\$13,510
Paper	\$2,538	\$5,041	\$2,581	\$6,656	\$1,926	\$6,867	\$6,096	\$5,831	\$10,760	\$3,082
Plastic	\$2,851				\$7,114	\$12,010	\$5,642	\$8,541	\$5,604	\$7,667
Reclaim			\$165	\$1,061	\$5,328	\$1,823	\$4,626	\$3,201	\$2,572	\$4,167
Wood Chips				\$586	\$780		\$2,698	\$6,555		
Composter							\$474		\$675	\$1,500
Subtotal	\$36,190	\$28,111	\$30,654	\$40,015	\$60,876	\$58,264	\$65,007	\$74,823	\$69,116	\$52,015
Other:	\$2,930	\$446						\$31	\$142	\$32
Total	\$110,424	\$103,223	\$82,280	\$108,894	\$160,288	\$185,993	\$201,248	\$224,404	\$220,131	\$191,455

Amounts for the most recent 9 years taken from Revenue Control Reports. Amounts for 2000 taken from Treasurer's Report.

MK 1/28/2010

Tax Collector's Office

The primary function of the Tax Collector's Office is collecting the majority of the Town's revenue through real estate, excise tax and Town fees. Our Office has collected over twelve million dollars this year.

The Tax Office has been very busy this year. On a daily basis we are registering automobiles and trailers with full service (issuing plates, collecting sales tax and processing titles). We also register ATV's, boats and snowmobiles.

Real Estate and Personal Property taxes were due on September 15 and December 15 in 2009. We accept payments at any time.

As always it has been a pleasure serving you at the Tax Office.

Unpaid Taxes

**Indicates taxes paid in full*

2009 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

Abrahamson Charles & Sally	8683.00	Bernier Michael Sr & Connie	2234.18
* Adams Bailey & Peter	624.23	Bibber Michael, Charles, W Williams & E Hunter	251.55
Adams Douglas	726.46	Bibber Sally	911.79
Adams Lillian	2263.81	* Bober David & Jonathan	1156.83
Aldred Sandra 1/2 Unknown Owner	828.22	* Bourassa David & Dale	16.40
Aldred Sandra	1607.54	* Bourassa David & Dale	819.86
* Alexander James	196.31	Boyce Robert J	826.95
Allen Harry R	431.44	Bradbury Lynn A	3150.09
Allison G Christopher & Jean	2109.55	Brillant Leon C	1678.11
* Allyn Robert, Daniel & Kimberly Poulto	135.00	Brillant Leon C & Marsha L	1297.84
* Amendola Dana F & Maryellen	508.20	Brockett Teresa	173.94
Andrews Cindy	7562.73	Brown James	1228.84
* Arndt Flora	1620.54	Brown James & Anne G	1444.13
Arquette Ronald	961.93	* Brown Sean & Laura Filkins	602.28
Bailey Charlotte	835.83	Bryant Cynthia	3035.70
Bailey Charlotte	931.28	Butler Howard D Hrs of	2146.07
Bailey Island Housing LLC	3054.77	* Butt Charles	2684.10
Baker James	299.52	* Cabot Lewis	5857.29
Baldwin Thomas T III	787.37	* Cabot Lewis	2042.70
* Bamford Beverly	554.31	* Camp Lawrence Trust & John	1385.94
Barker Martha	2517.47	Cappello Paula	495.82
* Barton Richard & Barbara	55.09	Caron Scott L	379.57
Bassett David & Patty	7359.29	* Caron-Kelley Christine M & Edward K Kelley	1392.25
Bastarache Lori	81.83	Carrick Dianne L	547.54
* Baumgartner Shawn	1195.29	* Catlin James	645.61
* Bayberry Assoc c/o Carol Goldenthal	1217.88	* Chamberlin Roger & Holly Trust	2617.93
Beckwith, Michael & Angela	121.48	* Chapman Brett D	963.78
* Beebe Christina T & Kenneth	514.08	* Chapman Julie F Trust	2181.66
Below Benjamin F & Lisa Ellen Haskins	1747.34	* Charest Laura	2811.19

* Chipman Stephen & Noyes Carol	264.51	Duhme Carol McCarthy	1898.16
* Chiu Yee Ha	1998.75	* Dunning Clayton c/o Barbara Richards	231.08
Chouinard Gerald	2206.12	* Dunning Clayton c/o Barbara Richards	166.44
* Clark Anne c/o Blair Spofford	705.97	Dutton Eugene c/o Terry Dutton	617.14
* Clark Richard	810.00	Eberly Charlotte	1778.57
Coffin George A & Jill D	2362.85	* Eldred William & Felicitas	594.86
Colburn David	2115.12	Elliott Ricky & Wendy	1189.22
Colburn David	798.51	* Estes Patti Trusiani	426.49
Colburn David	605.38	* Fair Point Communications	27.86
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	972.76	* Fair Point Communications	86.66
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	1248.83	* Fair Point Communications	37.14
Colburn David Nelson & Susan N	336.42	* Fair Point Communications	37.14
* Cole Denise	386.76	* Fair Point Communications	69.95
Cole Richard	3168.78	* Fair Point Communications	71.80
Comeau Glenn	1525.19	* Fair Point Communications	27.86
Conant James W & Tammy L	385.02	* Feeney Leonora & H Eugene	1442.27
Coombs H Leo	1023.83	Fischer Michael & Kathleen	506.96
Coombs H Leo & Janet	1678.11	Fischer Michael & Kathleen	1650.87
Cort Ann S	730.43	* Fitzpatrick Kelly	4644.05
* Costello James Jr & Debra	1882.69	* Ford Robert	902.81
Coulombe Sandra W	2831.48	* Foulke Maureen, Sarah & John	921.69
* Coyne Gregory & Cynthia	2188.16	* Foulke Maureen, Sarah & John	11707.76
Coyne William & Donald	53.35	* Galanek Mitchell	2687.08
Crawford John & Jodi	14.99	* Gibbons John Jr & Lile	4022.26
* Crooker Larry	2444.74	* Gill Robert & Margaret	1395.84
* Crooker Larry	1218.50	Gilliam Levi & Marcia	762.61
* Crooker Larry	2458.42	Gilliam Levi & Marcia	1051.80
Crosman Jamie	960.13	* Glew Ellen	790.09
Crosman Jamie	273.60	Goff John V & Janice E Skillin	632.93
Crosman Jamie	258.43	Goguen Wilfred & Cheryl	209.24
* Curts-Yuhas Hollie	3269.68	Goodenow Joey A	73.78
* Cutler William & Nancy	1052.92	* Goodman Paul & Denise Rous	1306.71
Darling Brandy	1591.92	* Goodwin Kimball	2071.85
Davis Jill	214.17	* Goodwin M Dana	216.96
Davis Laurel A Carrick	1841.65	* Goodwin M Dana	216.96
Davis Michael	82.95	Goodwin Pamela	613.56
Davis Michael Sr & Doreen	675.95	* Gosselin Henry & Claire	1320.82
Davis Peter	563.29	* Goulet Therese & James	1844.00
* Davis Stephen W	1454.15	Graham Robert	2023.51
* Debiasio Andrew & Alberta	843.08	Graves Roger	393.68
* Dehart Gay & Lina Orr	410.70	* Gray Terry	1458.67
Desjardins John	349.56	Graybill Warren Sr	337.36
Dewolfe Lisa	549.96	* Hafner James & Sally	1605.99
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda	2948.30	Halpin Timothy F	820.79
Dorsey Mark M	1349.95	Hanscom Linda C	750.11
Dostie Daniel G & Susan R	2013.18	* Hansen James B & Elizabeth A	2344.77
* Doughty Mark & Lisa	753.01	Hansen John Henry	101.54
Drake Clayton H	208.60	* Harmel Carole, Arthur Lerne & Glenn Comeau	60.36
Drechsler Leon	288.95	* Harrington John & Elizabeth	1093.77
* Dufresne Michael & Elizabeth	812.81	* Harris Carol	1238.62

* Harris Madeline c/o J Temple	125.78	* Lawton Alice	1185.07
Havas Peter	3221.90	Leach Donald	1497.42
Heisey Janice & Wilson Edgar Hrs of	78.92	Leach Donald	129.06
Heisey Janice & Wilson Edgar Hrs of	259.36	Leahy Thomas, Patricia, Joseph & Dorothy	4596.82
* Hemberger Greg	1286.90	* Leeman Margaret	767.00
* Hernandez Victor & Iris	1854.52	Leeman Walter	4100.26
* Higgins Walter Jr & Margaret	587.43	Leeman Walter A	5011.18
* Hill George	186.76	Lemaistre Mary	1140.20
Hoebeke Daniel G & Ellen L	5471.20	* Leonard Catherine	384.40
* Howe Lynda	2746.81	* Lesneski Patricia	259.98
Hunt Sandra	431.32	* Lesneski Patricia	456.20
Hyde Frederick	996.59	* Lewis Courtland & Barbara	758.32
* Jarrell Jon	167.13	Lightman Alan, Jean & David	1319.40
* Jarvis Martha	959.76	Lightman Alan, Jean & David	1696.06
* Johnson Calvin & Jack	549.98	Livesay E Christopher & Susan	451.25
Johnson Chanda & Damon Karma	896.83	* Lllewellyn Viviane c/o Patrick Kaufman	1144.84
Johnson Fred, Jeffrey, Millicent,	973.69	* Loiselle Donald & Rebecca	1474.15
Carolyn, Lyndon & Richard		* Loiselle Rebecca & Donald	1535.12
Johnson Howard E Jr & Glenda L	2745.62	* Lord Charles	1551.03
Johnson Kimberly T	1109.81	Lynch Catherine, Eugene & Dorothy Earley	655.21
Jones David W & Debra	729.80	MacDuff David	316.31
Jones Howard Jr	1019.18	* Mackeral Cove Condo Realty LLC	518.41
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C	442.71	Maclean David & Mabel	356.54
* Kelley Edward & Patricia	448.46	Maclean David & Mabel	622.71
* Kelley Edward & Patricia	269.57	Maclean David & Mabel	91.61
Kelley Thomas & Marie	4670.36	Malone Stephen	1619.92
Kennett Edward & Mary Jo	2550.90	Malone Stephen & Gail Fisk	922.00
Kenney Elwynne W & Bernice W	497.55	Maney Harold Sr	969.73
* Kilbreth James & Elizabeth	766.01	Maney Harold Jr	40.85
Kirker Sharon	118.35	Maney Lillian & Harold	61.90
Kirker Sharon	2103.36	Manos Laurie A	30.23
Kitchener-Jones Loraine	1094.77	Marando Michael L & Denise	663.57
* Klein Margaret	1735.98	* Marean Daniel W	719.28
Koenig Lisa, Linda Ingram Dan & Laurie Bowie	1426.80	Marquis Steven & Deborah	317.24
* Kugler John & Kelley	967.19	Marr Maurita	1610.64
* Lamberton Cynthia	4330.27	Matthews Sandra	146.08
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	82.63	McAuliffe Michael & Kimberly	2228.40
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	55.09	* McAvoy Helen, John , Charles III,	2501.07
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	86.66	McCallum Mark & Caldwell Kathleen	1028.16
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	360.26	* McCoig Kathryn	601.79
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	69.02	* McCreight Tim & Joyce	1712.77
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	69.33	* McElwey Karen	2913.63
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	75.83	McKay Stephen Ekman	707.88
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	68.71	* Meader Michael & Lynn	904.67
* Lapointe Ronald & Samantha	67.16	* Mello Rosemarie & David	1355.73
Lapolice George & Dennis	1077.68	* Merryman James & Sara	943.42
Larson Barbara, Wendy & Christopher	523.05	Michelson Andrea Trustee	1402.34
Lavigne John	1112.47	Mitchell Lynette	534.94
Lavigne Ronald	1460.53	* Mockler Kent c/o Sherri Duprey Mockler	84.30
* Lawton Alice	1600.79	* Mockler Kent & Murray	827.47

Monroe Paul & Leigh Kelly	1440.07	Paradis Richard	961.31
Montgomery Thomas III & Arlene	3022.58	Parker Kristine Ellen	1282.54
Moody Robert	562.79	Pennell Keith & Sarah McFadden	731.68
* Moore John & Ann	1188.79	Perry Rosemarie & Daniel	2229.70
Moore Robin	142.37	Petroff Holman hrs of c/o Nicolette Strandskov	318.17
Moreau Robert	363.70	Phelan Amy & William	11.03
* Morgan Dianne	4046.53	Philoon Alan & Steven	1064.11
* Morgan Dianne	645.00	Piel Stobie	3585.87
* Morgan Dianne	1899.09	* Potthoff Alan & Jennifer	771.58
Morgan Linda	1272.66	* Potts Point LLC	2294.63
Morgan Mary	645.12	* Poulin John & Anne Bowen	961.62
Morgan Maurice & Veronica	1148.25	Prosser Paul	1231.81
Morin Stacy Per Rep of estate of John Bear	1188.60	Prosser Paul	202.41
Morrell Jeffrey Jr	685.23	Prosser Paul	1574.74
Moser David	2202.71	Prosser Paul	4256.24
* Munsey Russell & Martha	338.59	* Pulito John, Frank, Joseph, Kristopher, Gloria	1313.52
Murphy Michael & Judith c/o Judith Dunning	187.25	Purinton Bruce G Jr	1064.78
Murray Paul III & Sandra	2396.89	Purinton Bruce G Jr	2705.03
Myers Lenard & Dana	924.79	Purinton Geraldine J	1467.40
Nace Kathleen	818.01	Quinn Charles III	2518.71
Nesbit James IV, Robert, John, Thomas , Douglas	1882.38	Quohog Bay Shared Lot & Dock	733.14
Nesbit James IV, Robert, John, Thomas , Douglas	2278.54	Randall William & Heather	4521.30
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	304.09	Reppucci David & Victoria	1287.52
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	250.70	* Reynolds June	1010.82
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	256.73	Rice-Gould Norma J	1756.72
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	256.73	Richards Timothy & Dawn	1260.28
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	1362.11	* Richter Charles & Melinda	804.07
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	256.73	Ring Thomas	598.57
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	270.66	Ritchie Glenice	2323.69
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	242.81	Robbins Stephen	480.96
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	242.81	Roby Robert c/o David Jones	280.41
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle	342.31	Roby Robert c/o David Jones	280.41
Noyes Richard & Christine	994.24	* Rose Albert	181.97
O'Brien Catherine	332.09	Rose Scott & Elizabeth	978.11
* O'Brien Lauren Whittemore	550.90	* Rush Constance	233.05
O'Connell Brian K	169.29	Russell Virginia	4365.81
* O'Connell William & Diana	1612.18	* Sarna Tyler & Susan	217.89
Ober Diane & Meador Josephine	2853.90	* Saunders H & L Family Limited Partnership	936.85
* Olivo Mike & Anne	376.35	* Saunders H & L Family Limited Partnership	2087.58
* Olson David & Nancy	638.19	* Saunders Leonard	1995.35
Ormsby Robert ID	499.53	Savage George W	376.97
Otis Violetta	1701.94	Savage George W	590.53
Ouellette Maurice E	845.29	Savage George W	1034.35
Owen Thomas & Jane Furbeck-Owen	2041.21	Saxton Malcolm Hrs of	1828.83
* Packard Albert, Elizabeth, David, Chris, Nancy		* SDY LLC	1251.93
Peter, Judith Rose	468.69	Serra Maria	1179.25
Page Helen	576.35	* Shaw Phillip & Sandra	560.50
* Paige Richard Jr, Stephen, Charles & Nathaniel	1027.54	* Sifton Samuel, Charles & John	2317.54
* Paige Richard Jr, Stephen, Nigel Curtis	279.17	* Skelton Alfred & Carol	1036.33
* Pancione Michael, Thomas , Chris Upchurch	2053.84	* Skelton Carol	1265.86

* Skillings-Goff Janice	475.70	Van Vlack Leeann	686.47
* Skillings-Goff Janice, James, Robert, Margaret, Smith Elisa & Shirl	1025.99 1280.09	Vance Stephen & Gloria	894.62
* Smith Jean	1156.97	* Waddle Matthew & Donna	1025.16
* Smith Jeanne & Keith	1367.06	Wallace James, William, Benjamin, Mary, Amy	1371.70
Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of	374.80	* Walsh John C, John A, David, Sheila Jeanne Nielsen & Albert	2284.73
Sparks William M Jr & Linda	536.80	Walsh Laura, James & Diana Lederman	913.78
Spinelli Susan & John Tyson	28.36	* Walsh Michael & Lindi	473.04
Sprague Sarah	2090.98	Warburton Paul & Mary	1158.15
Stadnik Walter & Doris	686.47	Ward Lewis V	2239.54
Stancombe Richard & Kris	568.24	Ward Lewis V	1436.82
* Stansel Paul & Marie	2443.55	Ward Richard E & Timothy	1664.00
Steinbeiser Andrew & Terry	2079.15	* Ware David c/o David Duhme	564.84
Steiman Fay	613.49	Warner John M Jr & Prudence	1381.73
* Sudano Philip III	748.74	Watson Mark & Jennifer	661.09
* Tabbi Gayle	1282.72	Watson Patricia & Edmund	1639.17
* Tabor Martha c/o Lisa Driver	1104.29	Weinert Frederick & Stephen	315.07
* Talbot James & Jennifer	758.89	* Werler Edward	667.41
* Talbot James & Jennifer	476.01	* Werner Kathryn, Jack III, Mark , Kim Snow	136.49
* Talbot James & Jennifer	513.77	Wessel David & Kimberly	2119.49
* Talbot James & Jennifer	537.29	* White John	1779.31
* Talbot James & Jennifer	529.25	Wille Margeret	690.49
* Talbot James & Jennifer	583.10	* Williams Marita	3475.62
* Talbot James & Jennifer	2714.32	* Williams Mary	18.31
* Talbot James & Jennifer	2596.71	* Williams Mary	32.58
* Talbot James & Jennifer	511.29	Wilson Leneler	837.51
* Talbot James & Jennifer	531.10	Wilson Leneler	1567.06
* Talbot Jennifer	523.67	Wilson Leneler	719.90
Taylor Raymond III & Karin	2777.45	Wilson Leneler 1/11th Ownership	124.41
Therault John & Dorothy	1912.09	* Woolley Charles & Gloria	501.12
* Thibault Lucien Hrs & M Irene	4315.82	* Worthley Phyllis	799.19
* Thibault Lucien Hrs & M Irene	2350.96	* Wright David & Deborah	332.40
* Thibeault Patricia & Thomas	1222.03	* Wyer Richard	1058.36
* Thing Christopher	418.13	* Yamamoto Ichizo	726.83
Thompson Family Limited Partner	1547.19	Yanok Frances & Perrey Helen	636.02
Thompson Shirley	1059.23	Yanok Robert	342.92
Tisdale Greg & Jennifer	1727.63	* York R Samuel & Donna	<u>1204.89</u>
Tisdale Greg & Jennifer	2753.44		
Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer	1216.34		
Tobey Carroll c/o Lynda Bobb	125.96		
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred B	317.75		
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred B	369.73		
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred B	1465.70		
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred B	1506.72		
* Toussaint Donald & Marita	1236.45		
* Toussaint Donald & Marita	1393.68		
Trask Claire	617.76		
* Trautman Wilbur Jr & Mary	1028.78		
United States of America Corp of Engineers	786.13		
Unknown Owner	34.05		
		TOTAL	538,785.95

2009 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

* Allen Seaford Inc c/o Dain Allen	24.45
Blackbird	116.99
Cole Gunsmithing Inc	53.85
Craig Associates c/o James G Craig	5.57
* Deer Cutting c/o Thibeault Patricia	9.29
* Estes Lobster House c/o Larry Crooker	41.47
GE Capital Info Tech	35.90
H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs	537.29
H2 Outfitters c/o Jeff Cooper & Cathy Pirth	37.76
* Island Candy Company c/o Melinda Richter	12.38
Longley Health Ctr c/o James Kneebone	14.85
Widgeon Cove Studios c/o Condon Kuhl	<u>10.52</u>
TOTAL	900.32

2008 TAXES TO LIEN

Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	828.22
Allen Harry	431.44
Arquette Ronald	961.93
Bailey Island Housing LLC	1527.38
Bastarache Lori	81.83
Brockett Teresa	173.94
Brown James E	1228.84
Brown James E & Anne G	1444.13
Butler Howard D Hrs of	2146.07
Cappello Paula	495.82
Caron Scott L	356.68
Colburn David	2115.12
Colburn David	798.51
Colburn David	605.38
Colburn David & Susan	972.76
Colburn David & Susan	1248.83
Colburn David & Susan	336.42
Coombs H Leo	1023.83
Coombs H Leo & Janet	1678.11
Davis Laurel Carrick	1841.65
Davis Michael	82.95
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda	2948.30
Drake Clayton H	206.21
Fischer Michael & Kathleen	1795.10
Graham Robert E	1625.17
Halpin Timothy	410.39
Havas Peter	1598.20
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C	442.71
Leahy Thomas, Patricia, Joseph & Dorothy	4596.82
Leeman Walter	4110.78
Leeman Walter	3281.69
Maney Harold Sr	201.30

Marr Maurita	2317.04
McCallum Mark & Kathleen Caldwell	1028.16
Mitchell Lynette	534.94
Moore Robin E	142.37
Morgan Linda	1272.66
Murray Paul J III & Sandra A	2396.89
Ormsby Robert ID	499.53
Prosser Paul S	1231.81
Prosser Paul S	202.41
Prosser Paul S	1574.74
Prosser Paul S	4256.24
Quinn Charles	2518.71
Randall William & Heather	4521.30
Rice-Gould Norma J	1756.72
Richard Timothy & Dawn	630.14
Warren Graybill Sr	168.68
Thompson Shirley Hrs of Carroll Morrell	1059.23
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred	317.75
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred	369.74
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred	1465.70
Toothaker Hrs of Alfred	1501.69
Unknown Owner	34.05
Ward Lewis V	2287.21
Ward Lewis V	1436.82
Weinert Frederick W & Stephen	315.07
* Werler Edward	<u>311.39</u>
TOTAL	75,747.50

2008 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bailey Island Market c/o Robert Kandur	19.34
Blackbird c/o Alan Jr & Michelle Nordwall	121.32
Craig Associates c/o James G Craig	7.43
Fish House c/o Bob Graves	9.90
H L Coombs Construction c/o Herman Coombs	537.91
H2 Outfitters c/o Jeff Cooper & Cathy Pirth	44.57
Moe's Country Store c/o Maurice Ouellette	50.14
Pods Enterprises Inc	<u>11.45</u>
TOTAL	802.06

2007 TAXES TO LIEN

Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	406.08
Bastarache Lori	77.09
Davis Laurel Carrick	1915.64
Davis Michael	81.34
Groves James	79.52
Moore Robin E	139.61
Unknown Owner	33.39
TOTAL	2732.67

2007 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

H2 Outfitters C/O Jeff Cooper & Cathy Pirth	49.17
Rent A Center	86.19
TOTAL	135.36

2006 TAXES TO LIEN

Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	398.05
Bastarache Lori	152.92
Davis Laurel Carrick	289.23
Davis Michael	79.73
Groves James	15.69
Moore Robin E	136.85
Unknown Owner	32.73
TOTAL	1105.20

2006 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

H2 Outfitters C/O Jeff Cooper & Cathy Pirth	6.32
TOTAL	6.32

2005 TAXES TO LIEN

Aldred Sandra 1/2 & Unknown Owner	384.67
Bastarache Lori	146.96
Unknown Owner	31.63
TOTAL	563.26

2005 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Avtech	23.72
Newcourt Leasing Corp	43.13
TOTAL	66.85

2004 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Avtech	43.78
Criz Prop Tax Solutions	27.86
Newcourt Leasing Corp	82.59
TOTAL	154.23

2003 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Avtech	41.36
TOTAL	41.36

2009 ABATEMENTS

Erwin Kent	433.92
Jack Merrill	242.03
Shawn & Vincent George	28.47
Mark Nowakoski	222.22
Rose Pletts	422.16
Rachel Miller	9.29
TOTAL	1358.09

2008 ABATEMENTS

John & Madelyn Crafts	345.41
TOTAL	345.41

2008 SUPPLEMENTAL

Rebecca Stanley	10500.00
John Hanson	77.26
TOTAL	10577.26

2007 SUPPLEMENTAL

John Hanson	78.91
TOTAL	78.91

2006 SUPPLEMENTAL

John Hanson	77.35
TOTAL	77.35

Town Clerk's Office

Drop by the Town Clerk's Office for:

A lot of help with....

Birth Certificates

Canine (Dog) Licenses

Death Certificates

Elections

Fishing Licenses

Genealogy Research

Hunting Licenses

In a pinch you can call me at home

June Primaries, Elections & SAD Budget Referenda

Kathy (it's really Cathy, but I needed a "K")

Licenses for Marriage

Moorings

Notary Public Services, Nomination Papers, November Elections

Official Ordinance Records

Passports

Questions, you can always call us

Registrar of Voters

Shellfish Licenses

Town Records

U can request absentee ballots 90 days before an Election

Vital Records

We verify petitions

Xtra ordinary Deputies & Election Workers

Yearly Rabies Clinics for Dogs and Cats

Zealous Service

We look forward to seeing you through the year.

Rosalind Knight, Town Clerk

Licenses & Permits

INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE LIC. 591

DOG LICENSES

Dogs 957

Kennels 2

PASSPORTS 82

REGISTERED BUSINESSES 7

CERTIFIED COPIES 297

NOTARY SERVICES 362

SHELLFISH LICENSES

Resident Commercial 66

Senior Resident Commercial 4

Non-Resident Commercial 6

Senior Non-Resident Commercial 1

Resident Recreational 215

Non-Resident Recreational 20

Resident over 65 Recreational 26

Non-Resident over 65 Recreational 2

Student Commercial 1

MOORINGS

Residents & Taxpayers 2,192

Non-Residents 114

Rentals 122

State of Maine/Eagle Island 10

2009 Elections & Town Meetings

March 14, 2009

Annual Town Meeting

Number of Voters: 813

19% Voter Turnout

May 30, 2009

M.S.A.D. #75 District Budget Meeting

Number of Voters: 33

.8% Voter Turnout

June 9, 2009

M.S.A.D. #75 District Budget Validation

Number of Voters: 315

7% Voter Turnout

November 3, 2009

State and Municipal Referendum

Number of Voters: 2,863

70% Voter Turnout

Vital Statistics

Births

41

Marriages

41

Deaths

57

Those who passed on in 2009

Alexander, Florence M		80	1/9	Gaydos, Gary J		62	6/11
Eutin, Harry J		83	1/13	McMorrow-Tuttle, Sheila A		61	6/20
Doughty, Albert W		77	1/15	Goodwin, Charles R		85	6/20
Locke, Donna E	Brunswick	70	1/18	Riddell, Jean N		80	6/20
Clark, Kermit P		94	1/19	Mace, John L		82	6/21
Merrick, Keegan F	Virginia	31	1/22	Johnson, George G. SR.		82	6/25
Orput, Douglas S		74	2/3	Charest, Dorothy L		79	6/30
Dodge, Arthur I		76	2/10	Richardson, Adelbert W		83	7/14
Lebel, Reginald J		71	2/14	Lanciani, Edward S	Topsham	88	7/15
Ramos, Joseph F		86	2/25	Bohan, Annabelle R		N.B.	7/17
Miller, Ann S	Florida	67	2/26	Meunier, Roger N		82	8/8
Hildebrandt, Robert C		91	3/5	Bush, Edward V "Ted"		64	8/8
Alley, Henry M		94	3/14	Lynskey, Paul J. JR.		86	8/9
Jones, Helen C		82	3/17	Morin, Gilbert R		66	8/15
McManus, Lillian R	Lewiston	88	3/28	Metcalfe, Carrie E		102	8/25
White, Robert L		83	4/1	Johnson, Fred B		65	9/1
Rose, Robert L		77	4/8	Piermarini, Dante J		85	9/9
Harris, Madeline M		86	4/10	Hough, Kenneth E		74	9/20
Hillman, Barbara E	Boston	64	4/22	Leonard, Frank	Brunswick	88	9/25
Cunningham, Charles "Chuck"	Florida	82	4/23	Pottle, Lucienne		90	9/28
Carter, John R		54	5/4	Alexander, Robert A		73	9/30
Leeman, Grace A		76	5/16	Howland, John L		73	10/18
Bolles, Carolyn L		84	5/17	Judkins, Mary E		76	10/23
Cary, Kenneth C		84	5/22	Black, Dorothy B		91	11/14
Bear, John E. JR.		66	5/29	Barton, Richard L	British V.I.	81	11/14
Meador, Josephine M		53	6/2	Skillings, Elizabeth "Betty" K	Brunswick	92	11/26
Kleinholz, M. Paul	Brunswick	94	6/4	Rossi, Rosa C		97	12/9
Davis, Walter S		80	6/10	Carter, Virginia L	Wisconsin	93	12/13
				McCormack, Mary Beth		52	12/29

Treasurer's Report

The Town ended 2009 with bank balances of \$3,856,451. Of this amount, \$276,059 is in an account dedicated to the purchase of emergency services vehicles.

The Town's outstanding borrowings increased by \$151,667 during 2009 as scheduled principal payments of \$538,333 were offset by 2 new bond issues. The proceeds of the new issues were used to fund the rehabilitation of Ash Point Road (\$650,000) and to purchase emergency communications equipment to be installed on the cell tower. Scheduled repayments included the final installment on a 2004 borrowing for a Town-wide revaluation. The Town paid \$87,062 in interest on its long-term debt during the year.

The Town's General Fund Balance was \$3,761,192 at the end of 2009 having decreased by \$76,403 from the prior year amount. Of this, \$405,042 is designated for specific purposes or reserved for a long-term receivable, leaving an undesignated fund balance of \$3,356,150.

The Town's General Fund balance was used during the year to fund expenditures until such time as 2009 real and personal property taxes were received. To supplement these funds, the Town established a line of credit in the amount of \$3,025,000 against which periodic draws were made. The maximum outstanding short-term borrowing was \$3.0 million and the interest cost for the year was \$29,173.

The 2009 tax levy totaled \$10,739,970 of which \$10,153,797 or 94.5% was collected or abated by year-end. The Town was required to defer the recording of \$334,000 in tax receipts, an increase of \$119,000 from 2008, which represents the amount of tax owed the Town, but not expected to be collected until after February 28, 2010. Had these taxpayers been able to pay their taxes by that date, the Town's undesignated fund balance would have been higher than that amount.

Non-property tax revenues totaled \$1,561,622, excluding Recreation Fees, Grants & Gifts with specified purposes, Revenue Sharing & Homestead payments and Interest on the Dedicated Emergency Vehicles account. Of this amount, \$1,460,000 was used to reduce the 2009 tax commitment. The remainder is in the Town's general fund balance and is available to offset the 2010 tax commitment.

In preparing the 2009 budget, significant declines were anticipated in revenues generated by excise taxes, permits, sale of recyclable materials and interest earnings. Some recovery from these low revenue levels is anticipated for 2010, except for interest earned which is expected to decline further. Receipts from the State of Maine are also expected to be reduced.

During 2009, the Town completed the purchase of four emergency services vehicles pursuant to a 20 year vehicle replacement plan developed by the 3 fire & rescue departments serving the Town. An account dedicated to this plan was established in 2007 and initially funded with a \$135,000 appropriation. This balance was supplemented in 2008 by the borrowing of \$500,000 and in 2009 by an appropriation and use of carryover totaling \$151,421. The interest earned on these funds (\$21,324 through the end of 2009) is retained in the dedicated account. The four new vehicles had a combined purchase price of \$533,315. Each of the vehicles is leased to a department which is responsible for insuring and maintaining it. No lease payments are made to the Town.

In 2009, the rehabilitation of Ash Point Road was completed at a cost of \$697,401 and the Town also repaired the Pott's Point wharf at a cost of \$29,750 and upgraded its municipal accounting software package for \$30,839.

At the end of 2009, I was hired by the Town as its part-time bookkeeper. The Town administration reviewed and revised certain internal control procedures prior to my acceptance of the position.

Debt Service on Long-Term Debt

2010 - 2019

Issue	Interest Rate, %	Original Amount	Balance Jan-10	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Amortization:													
Existing Debt													
2000 G.O. Bond	5.25 - 5.41	\$1,209.8	\$110.0	\$110.0									
2003 G.O. Bond	2.291 - 3.166	\$840.0	\$190.0	\$190.0									
2004 G.O. Bond	4.18	\$700.0	\$408.4	\$58.4	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4	\$58.3	\$58.3	\$58.4			
2006 G. O. Bond	2.05 - 5.45	\$350.0	\$140.0	\$70.0	\$70.0								
2007 G. O. Bond	3.84	\$75.0	\$25.0	\$25.0									
2008 G. O. Bond	2.075 - 5.575	\$500.0	\$475.0	\$25.0	\$75.0	\$75.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	
2009 G. O. Bond	2.08 - 5.58	\$650.0	\$650.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0
2009 G. O. Bond	2.85	\$40.0	\$40.0	\$10.0	\$15.0	\$15.0							
Total			\$2,038.4	\$553.4	\$283.3	\$213.3	\$173.4	\$173.3	\$173.3	\$173.4	\$115.0	\$115.0	\$65.0
Interest:				\$76.9	\$54.2	\$44.4	\$37.5	\$27.7	\$18.3	\$11.6	\$6.85	\$4.16	\$1.8
Total Debt Service				\$630.3	\$337.5	\$257.7	\$210.9	\$201.0	\$191.6	\$185.0	\$121.9	\$119.2	\$66.8

Notes:

The 2007 Bond and the 2009 \$40,000 Bond is with Bangor Savings Bank. All other debt has been placed through the Maine Municipal Bond bank.

2000 Issue: Town office renovation and expansion, Waste Disposal Center improvements, land purchase (LeMay).

2003 Issue: Town office renovation and expansion, land purchase (Doughty Point), contrib. to HHT land purchase (Skolfield, Mackerel Cove).

2004 Issue: Capital Road project (7 roads), Old Town Meetinghouse restoration.

2006 Issue: Capital Road Project (Dingley Island Rd., Holbrook & Merritt).

2007 Issue: Loan to Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue

2008 Issue: Emergency Vehicles

2009 Issue: Ash Point Road rehabilitation (\$650) and Emergency Communications Equipment (\$40)

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer

Road Commissioner

In 2009, Harpswell completed a major capital reconstruction of Ash Point Road on Harpswell Neck. This reconstruction was done pursuant to a contract with Ray Labbe & Sons which included complete base replacement, several under-road drains, culvert replacements, two layers of pavement and safety improvements to the accesses to Route 123 and Basin Point Road.

General maintenance in 2009 included road sweeping, tree removal, replacing collapsed culverts, and several rounds of filling potholes, ditching and shoulder repair. Specific roadwork was done on the following roads: Bethel Point, Robinhood, Bayview, Grassy Lane, Merritt House, Hildreth, Mitchell Field, Lookout Point, Gurnet Landing, Orr's Hill, Lowell's Cove, Lane, Windsor, Laurel Cove, Grover Lane, Steamboat Wharf, Washington Avenue, Shore Acres, Basin Point, and Long Point.

For the winter snow removal activities, efforts continue to reduce the use of sand and salt on Harpswell roads without sacrificing public safety. The contracts with Harry Crooker & Sons and R. A. Webber & Sons for snow removal expired on April 1, 2009 at which time the Town began a process of contracting for the next few years of snow removal. An RFP was developed and four vendors responded. After a considerable amount of due diligence was conducted by the Selectmen, the Treasurer, the Town Administrator and the Road Commissioner, a new three year contract was awarded to the Goodall Landscaping Company of Topsham.

The Road Commissioner continues to work with the Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee to project Harpswell's capital improvement plan for the next few years. Hopefully, with Town warrant approval, Harpswell will likely make major improvements to Abner Point Road and Washington Avenue in 2010.

Town Caretaker

The Town Caretaker is responsible for the maintenance of Town-owned lands and buildings. These duties are carried out by William Wells, who is also the Town's Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector. Ongoing projects and efforts on the part of the Town Caretaker include: (1) Working with contractors and State and Federal agencies in coordinating efforts in the Casco Bay pipeline removal project; (2) Continuing to assist the Selectmen with review of projects at Mitchell Field; (3) Working to improve energy efficiency in the Municipal Office building; (4) Working with the Harbormaster to facilitate maintenance of Town-owned landings and wharf systems.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Town-owned lands or buildings, feel free to stop by the Code Enforcement Office, or contact Mr. Wells via email at bwells@town.harpswell.me.us, or telephone at 833-5771 extension 113.



Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

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February 10, 2010

Town of Harpswell
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Dear Citizen,

On behalf of myself and all the members of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you for the privilege of providing law enforcement services to your town.

The deputies assigned to Harpswell were very active during the past year responding to 4711 calls for service, a notable increase over last year's tally of 2,396 calls. The Marine Patrol Deputies work product totaled 2326 events involving inspections, enforcement and surveillance activities. Although criminal acts can vary from year to year and from town to town, we hope that our enforcement efforts combined with greater community participation has enhanced the quality of life enjoyed by both Harpswell residents and their seasonal neighbors.

As the Sheriff of Cumberland County, I would like to thank the citizens of Harpswell for their continued support and cooperation during the past year. I hope that our interaction with each of you who have called upon us was a positive experience. I trust that the Deputies who serve in the town of Harpswell have earned your trust and respect in their collective ability to help solve the public safety needs that exist in your community.

Respectfully,

Mark N. Dion, Sheriff

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Incident Report For January 1-December 2009

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Traffic Accidents	2	Illegal Parking	2
Accident w/ Property Damage	70	Information Report	3
Accident, w/ Personal Injury	16	Inspection Permit	14
Accident Reconstruction	1	Intoxicated Person	1
Agency Assistance	193	Juvenile Problem	9
Alarm	189	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	3
Alcohol Offense	2	Lost Property	6
Animal Euthanize	4	Loud Party Music	5
Animal Problem	143	Marine Conservation	1333
Assault - Simple	2	Mental Subject	2
Assist Fire Department	1	Official Misconduct	6
Attempt to Locate	67	Missing / Lost Person	5
Burglary	32	Operating Under Influence	1
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	7	Parking Problem	7
Chase In Progress	2	Pedestrian Check	15
Child Abuse or Neglect	1	Property Check	888
Citizen Assist	146	Prowler	1
Citizen Dispute	9	Relay / Transfer	3
Civil Dispute	1	Sex Offense	2
Community Policing	3	Sex Offender Registry	2
Court Service	28	Speed Complaint	4
Criminal Mischief	18	Suicide	4
Criminal Trespass	13	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	10
Crusier Accident	1	SDS Cad Test	1
Custodial Interference	3	Theft	37
Dead Body	7	Theft-Vehicle	1
Debris in Road	12	Threatening	6
Message Delivery	4	Traffic Detail	86
Direct Traffic	3	Traffic Hazard	22
Disabled Vehicle	23	Traffic Violation	861
Disturbance	29	Underage Drinking	1
Domestic Violence	4	Unsecure Premise	11
Controlled Substance Problem	1	Unwanted Phone Calls	7
Equipment Problem	7	Utility Problem	1
Escort	10	VIN Number Inspection	2
Family Fight	2	Wanted Person	8
FI Unattended/Unpermitted Burn	1	Weapons Offense	12
Fireworks	3	Welfare Check	24
Fish and Game Violation	14		

Calls for Service

*The total “Calls for Service” in 2009 was **4711**.*

Month	Written Warnings	Verbal Warnings	Traffic Citations	Calls for Service
January	4	72	1	189
February	0	46	7	177
March	4	42	24	338
April	12	76	21	510
May	10	58	13	515
June	8	51	6	368
July	21	55	16	385
August	5	83	8	466
September	20	68	25	453
October	19	55	15	424
November	24	21	9	515
December	25	28	9	371

Marine Patrol

*Incidents for the Division totaled **2326***

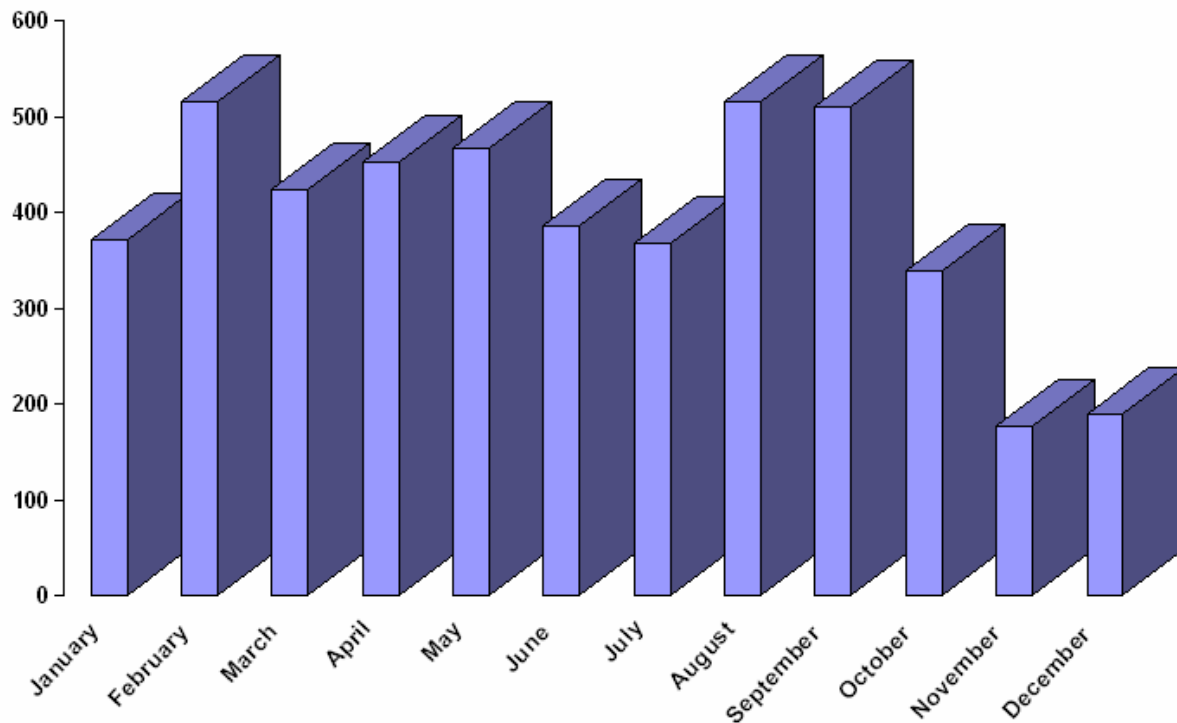
Warnings	12
Summonses	8
Pecks Checked	4
Bushels Checked	186
Coves Checked	1218
Landings Checked	388
Harvesters Checked	167
Boat Days	10
Assists to Patrol	58
Agency Assists	33
Property Checks	242

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Calls for Service

1/1/2009 - 12/31/2009

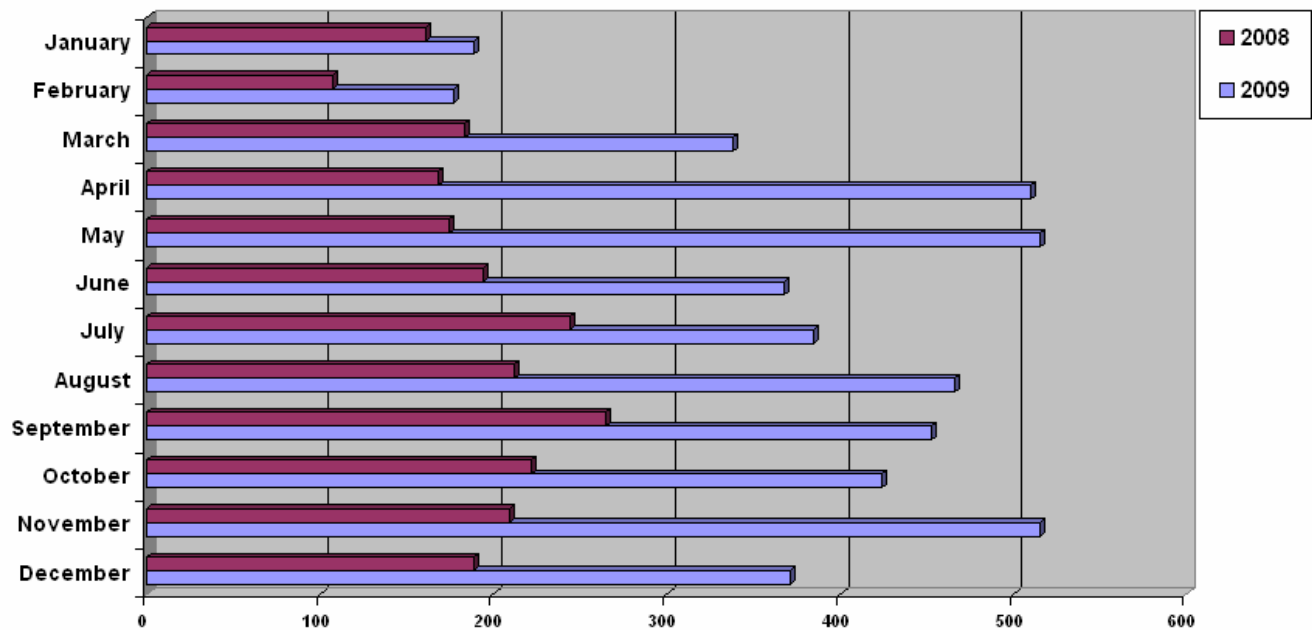


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Calls for Service Comparison

2008 versus 2009

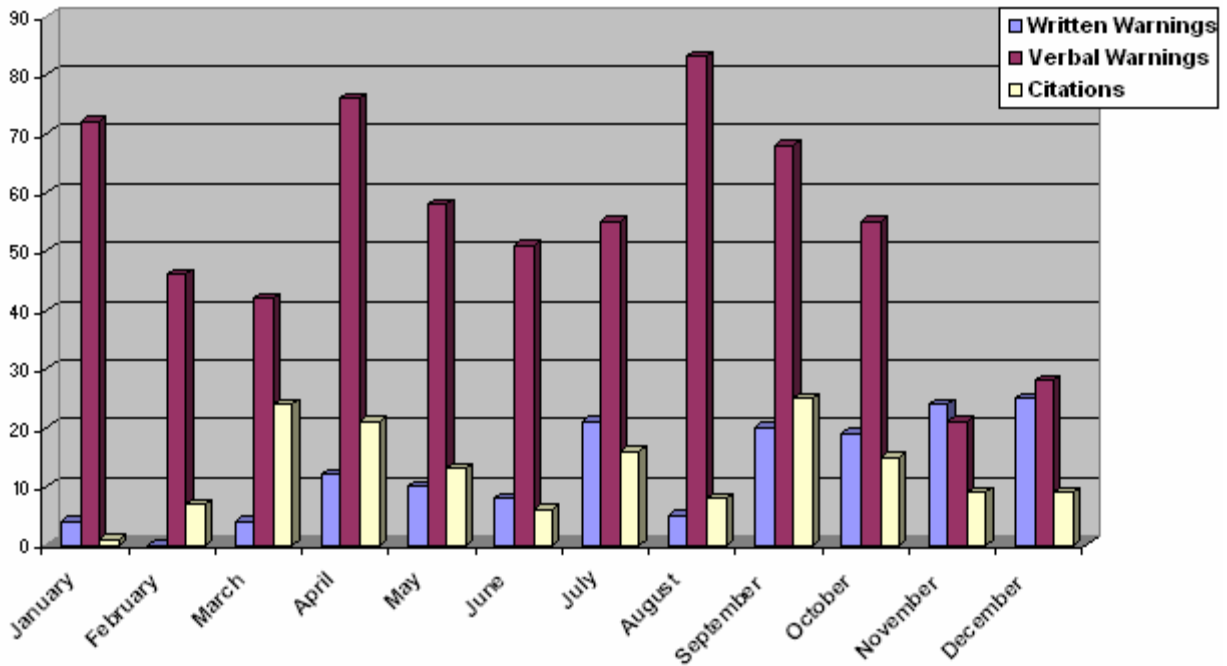


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Traffic Totals

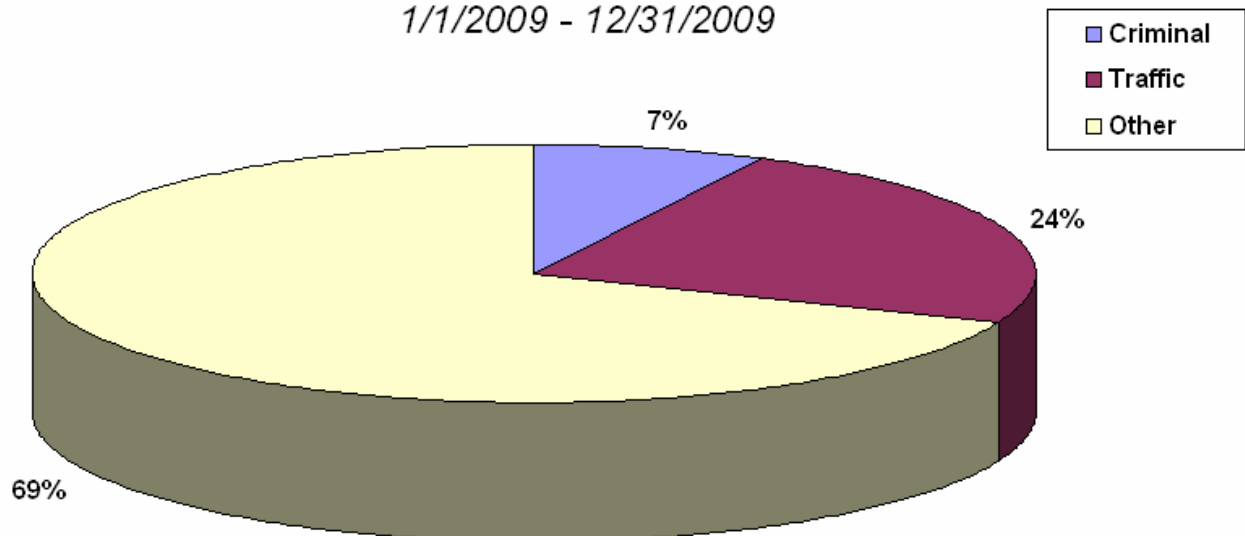
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RANKING MEMBER, SMALL BUSINESS

February 5, 2010

Dear Friends:

As we begin this New Year, I want to thank you for the opportunity to offer warm greetings to the people of Harpswell. We continue to face many historic challenges together as a nation, as a state, and as individual towns and cities. At this time when we consider where we have been, and look ahead to the year to come, I appreciate this opportunity to share with you my thoughts on some of my goals and priorities for 2010.

Unquestionably, our economy remains the foremost challenge facing us today. We are confronted by an economic crisis that has already lasted for more than two years. Indeed, the national unemployment rate has doubled to 10 percent since the onset of the recession in December 2007, while 7.2 million Americans have lost their jobs. Furthermore, Maine's unemployment rate has risen to 8 percent from 6.2 percent a year ago, while 56,200 of our fellow citizens are jobless. There is still much to be done, with some Maine counties still experiencing a rate over 10 percent.

Congress must embrace bipartisan initiatives that will provide effective solutions to address the critical issue of job creation, and promptly direct essential resources to those people and businesses facing unprecedented challenges and an uncertain future. I strongly support the extension of unemployment and nutrition assistance, in addition to pro-growth policies such as those to promote job-creating small business investment. At the same time, given the federal deficit for FY2009 was a staggering \$1.4 trillion, we must do more to pair the resources targeted to job creation with reductions in other areas. We have an obligation to ensure that each and every dollar we spend either creates jobs at a greater rate or protects displaced individuals at a lower cost than competing policies on the table. Moreover, to the degree that either tax or spending proposals Congress or the Administration seek to enact are more beneficial than proceeding to obligate funds still available in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, we should assess the possibility of redirecting those resources.

Here in Maine, I am working to help expand high-speed broadband access in northern, western, and Down East Maine, which could serve as a boon to businesses across the state. The plan, known as the "Three Ring Binder" project, which I supported, would build a 1,100-mile network stretching from the Saint John Valley to the coast and across to western Maine. The network would pass through 100 communities and serve 600 institutions, including the University of Maine, thanks to \$25.4 million in federal aid. This funding will foster entrepreneurial innovation, education, and job growth throughout the state.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am working to swiftly enact legislation to increase small business loan limits to as high as \$5.5 million and extend through 2010 the fee eliminations and increased guarantee on those loans, measures that will otherwise expire under the Recovery Act. By extending the authorization to temporarily provide higher loan guarantees and eliminate fees for borrowers, I am continuing my effort to build upon what has worked well in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Given the timely necessity of getting 15.3 million unemployed Americans back to work, it is critical that we expeditiously pass this bipartisan bill to help our nation's small businesses spur a sustained and job-filled recovery.

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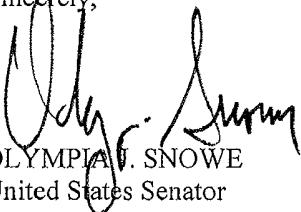
This past year, the Senate also considered one of the most difficult issues of our time, healthcare reform. I could not agree more that reform of our healthcare system is an imperative. The reality that the status quo is unacceptable is what originally brought six of us together on the Senate Finance Committee last summer in the only bipartisan effort in any committee of the House or Senate in the so-called Group of Six, convened by the Chairman of the Committee. I was therefore troubled that when the Finance bill I ultimately supported in the Committee was melded with the measure reported by the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, it was without the more inclusive, collaborative process I had participated in up to that point and instead it was conducted without transparency.

I also regrettably could not support the bill in the Senate given continued policy concerns I had with the size and scope of the legislation, its potentially negative impact on small businesses and job growth and the reality that we did not have answers to some of the most fundamental questions that people ask at their kitchen tables. These are the critical questions relevant to peoples' daily lives, such as, what will this mean for me? How much will my health insurance plan cost? How much will my deductible or my co-pay be? How much am I going to have to pay out of pocket? That is why I wrote to the Congressional Budget Office on December 3, 2009, requesting a complete analysis of these and other key issues as I felt it was imperative that we had those answers before proceeding to a vote. Unfortunately, I still did not have those responses when the legislation was rushed through the Senate on an arbitrary deadline that short-changed the process on a measure that affects one-sixth of our economy. Nevertheless, as the process continues into 2010 with the necessity of reconciling the House and Senate versions of the bill, I will continue to play a constructive role wherever and whenever possible, and to offer concrete means of improving the bill for small businesses and all Americans.

Looking ahead, we will continue to grapple with such urgent matters as strengthening our nation's homeland security. As a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I will conduct a thorough and exhaustive investigation of the attempted Christmas Day 2009 terrorist attack to gather all the relevant facts and make recommendations to fix the egregious intelligence breakdowns highlighted by that potential tragedy. And, of course, we remember today – and every day – the extraordinary contributions and courage of our brave men and women in uniform in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world who are the faces of the world's finest defense force.

Again, you may be assured I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Maine and America and – in so doing – I deeply appreciate the input of all those who share their insights, concerns, and opinions with me. I encourage you to visit my Senate website at www.snowe.senate.gov for additional details on my efforts, to obtain helpful government information, and to share any concerns or legislative input you may have. You may also visit with members of my staff at my Regional Office located at 3 Canal Plaza, Suite 601 in Portland, or by calling 207-874-0883 or toll free in Maine at 1-800-432-1599.

Sincerely,



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January 14, 2010

Town of Harpswell
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Dear Citizens of Harpswell:

In 2009, I began my third term in the United States Senate. I remain deeply honored by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I appreciate this opportunity to report on some highlights of my recent work in the U.S. Senate.

A significant accomplishment came in December when the President signed transportation legislation that includes a provision I authored to create a one-year pilot project to allow trucks weighing up to 100,000 pounds to use federal highways in Maine. This is moving heavy trucks off Maine's secondary roads and out of our downtowns and onto our modern, multi-lane, controlled access highways for one year, during which time a study of the impact on safety, commerce and road wear-and-tear would be conducted. In addition, this change helps to level the economic playing field, as neighboring states already have this exemption.

My appointment in early 2009 to the powerful Appropriations Committee has allowed me to have greater influence on the funding of priorities that are important to Mainers, such as shipbuilding, health care, education, and transportation, while also giving me the ability to continue pressing for the elimination of wasteful spending that exacerbates our federal deficit.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I continue to be an advocate for Bath Iron Works, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the Maine Military Authority in Limestone, and the many other defense contractors and institutions in Maine that contribute so much to our national security. In August, I traveled to Iraq and Afghanistan and had the opportunity to meet with many service men and women from Maine. My conversations with them were the most important aspect of my trip to the region. Our troops are brave, dedicated, compassionate, and highly skilled. I will continue to work hard to ensure that they have the support their difficult missions require.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing our nation continues to be the struggling economy, and among my highest priorities are getting our people back to work and our economy back on track. That is why in early 2009 I joined a bipartisan effort to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The bill contains robust infrastructure spending, significant funding for state aid and education, and tax relief for low- and middle-income families and for small businesses. As a result of this bill, Maine is receiving approximately \$133 million for highway investments, more than \$50 million combined for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and \$70.5 million for weatherization and energy efficiency projects.

Energy policy remains another great challenge: America's reliance on foreign oil harms our economy, our security, and our environment. Meeting the challenge of developing energy alternatives will provide great opportunities for Maine to build an economy for the future, with new industries and thousands of good jobs. This endeavor received a significant boost last October when the U.S. Department of Energy announced an \$8 million grant for deepwater offshore wind research at the University of Maine, and Congress also approved \$5

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million I sponsored for the Maine Offshore Wind Initiative at UMaine. This January, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced a \$12.4 million laboratory construction grant for the University of Maine. I strongly advocated for these projects because, with some of the strongest winds in the nation off our coast and some of the best engineers in the field, Maine has great potential as an ideal location for offshore wind projects and can take the lead in the development of clean, renewable, and affordable energy for America. Estimates are that development of five gigawatts of offshore wind in Maine – enough to power more than 1 million homes for a year – could attract \$20 billion of investment to our state and create more than 15,000 green energy jobs that would be sustained over 30 years.

Of course, this past year brought not just successes. A disappointment was the failure of Congress to produce bipartisan health care reform legislation that would contain soaring costs and provide more choices for struggling families and small businesses. I am deeply concerned about the nearly \$500 billion in Medicare cuts included in the bill.

It is fiscally irresponsible to raid Medicare – a program which already has long-term financing problems – to pay for a new entitlement program, particularly at a time when the number of Medicare beneficiaries is on the rise. The bill would saddle Maine's hospitals with some \$800 million in Medicare cuts over the next ten years, and could push one in five hospitals, nursing homes, and home health providers into the red. Ultimately, such cuts could jeopardize access to care for millions of our nation's seniors.

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, I am committed to ensuring that our nation is as safe as possible and that government is better prepared to respond to disasters. The Christmas Day terrorist attempt to detonate explosives on an aircraft reminds us of the dangers we continue to confront. My homeland security priorities include further strengthening our defenses against terrorism and providing our first responders with the resources they need.

On March 19, 2009, I reached a personal milestone when I cast my 4,000th consecutive roll call vote, continuing a record of participating in every single roll call vote since I first came to the Senate in 1997. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Harpswell and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland office at 207-780-3575, or visit my website at <http://collins.senate.gov>. May 2010 be a good year for your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Susan Collins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and last name "Collins" clearly legible.

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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EXPORT/IMPORT POLICIES

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INVESTIGATION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Dear Friends,

It has been an honor serving you in my first year in Congress and working with you to rise to the many challenges of the last year. Though we have been able to make progress in many areas, there is much to be done in the year ahead.

My focus in Washington and in Maine continues to be creating and preserving jobs, and helping our state recover from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Passing the Recovery Act early in 2009 helped prevent a bad economic situation from getting even worse and has helped us lay the groundwork for long-term, sustainable economic growth.

The Recovery Act is investing in Maine's technology and transportation infrastructure, providing job training to thousands of workers, helping us become a clean energy leader and boosting the real estate market. And according to economists, as of the beginning of this year it has created or saved 10,000 jobs in Maine.

In the Brunswick area, Recovery Act funds are boosting economic development by expanding the Downeaster rail line. I've also been working to support the community during the closing of Brunswick Naval Air Station. I continue to urge the Department of Defense to maintain a commissary in the area and passed legislation that would allow the government to transfer the property for community development at little or no cost. The entire region has supported this base for decades and with its closure we need the resources to help transition the community into its next phase.

Despite these successes, we need to do more to get the state back on its feet. Too many Maine families are struggling to make ends meet, too many Mainers are out of work, and too many communities don't have the resources they need.

In Maine, continuing to fight for small businesses will be crucial to creating jobs. Small businesses drive our economy, but the downturn has hit them hard. We have to help them access the capital they need to survive and grow, make sure they have a workforce well-trained for our changing economy, and offer the resources that help good ideas become good businesses.

And work this year will also carry on to give Maine families what they need to prosper: a clean environment, a good education, and access to quality, affordable health care.

I was elected to Congress to serve the people of the First District. If there is ever anything I can do to help you or your community, please feel free to call my office at 774-5019 or visit my website at www.pingree.house.gov.

Looking forward to seeing you in Maine soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chellie Pingree'.

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



124th Legislature
Senate of Maine
Senate District 10



Senator Stan Gerzofsky

Winter 2010

Dear Friends & Neighbors in Harpswell:

The second half of the 124th Legislative Session started off with a bang. We have hit the ground running with more than 160 bills to address and a budget deficit of about \$438 million. In December, Governor Baldacci released his budget revisions to address this deficit. Though it contains reductions of nearly \$70 million for the Department of Health and Human Services and a 16.7% reduction for the Department of Education (which was outlined in the governor's November curtailment order), the supplemental budget contains no tax, fine or fee increases. These reductions will drop the state budget down to \$5.5 billion, which is the same as the budget in fiscal year 2004-2005.

While the budget remains the main focus of the Legislature this session, I am also working on creating the Maine Advanced Technology Center in Maine law. The Maine Advanced Technology Center is a collaboration between the University of Maine and Southern Maine Community College. It will offer associates, bachelors and masters degree programs in engineering and technology at the Brunswick Naval Air Station starting in the fall of 2011.

As Senate Chair of the Legislative Rail Caucus, I have been working with Pan Am Railways Executive VP, Syd Culliford, to resurrect commuter rail service that would provide light rail between Lewiston, Portland and the Mid-Coast region. We all know that the Downeaster will eventually make its way to Freeport and Brunswick and now we need to look ahead to what light rail can do for our region. It's going to take some time and it's going to require investment, but it's the logical next step after the Downeaster comes to Brunswick.

As always, it is a pleasure serving as your Senator. If ever I can be of assistance to you or you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact me here at the State House by calling 287-1515 or by visiting my website, www.mainesenate.org/gerzofsky.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends and Neighbors of Harpswell,

In 2002 you elected me to my first term in the Maine House of Representatives. I cannot believe that the eighth year is upon us. I have truly loved every minute - the joys, the frustrations and the lessons learned. Whether going to Watson's general store or the Kellog Church Christmas sale or knocking on doors - your willingness to share your thoughts and concerns has been invaluable. You all have been my teachers and I thank you.

While there may be some signs of an end to the national recession there are still many very difficult decisions to make about how to take care of people while we continue to shrink government at all levels and make State and local governments as efficient as is possible. Last session I and my colleagues worked in a bipartisan fashion to cut over \$500 million from the state's two-year budget. This year we will cut about \$438 million more. There are fewer state workers today than there have been since the early 1990's and our state budget will be almost as low as it was back in 2002. Given inflation and the increase in the cost of living these cuts are much more severe than the raw numbers suggest.

As the House chair of the Marine Resources Committee and a member of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, I continue to focus my energies on sustaining Maine's natural resources based economy. I believe our fisheries and our agricultural heritage is invaluable and must be championed. People all over the world seek Maine made products and we must take advantage of the unsurpassed quality our small businesses, farmers and fisheries have always offered to grow Maine's economy. And above all we must ensure the survival and revitalization of these rural communities.

I never have viewed my role as Representative to be one that is limited to Augusta. It is important to me to be present and communicate with you directly. I continue to host my Harpswell Community Television program, "Notes From Up River" and write my columns for the Harpswell Anchor. I welcome any suggestions for specific topics to be discussed or guests from whom you might want to receive information on "Notes From Up River." And last but not least - session will continue until mid-April if you would like to come "shadow" me for a day.

Please do not ever hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance with State Government. I can be reached by email at leilapercy@yahoo.com or by phone either at home (389-2133) or at the State Capital (1-800-423-2900).

Once again, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

Sincerely,

Leila Jane Percy
State Representative

Affordable Housing

The 2005 Comprehensive Plan set forth the need in Harpswell for workforce housing to maintain the diversity of Harpswell's population. To that end, the mission statement for the past two years for the Affordable Housing Committee was to create an affordable housing ordinance.

Town Planner Carolyn Tukey appeared before the Planning Board in July, 2008. The Board suggested that the Committee write an affordable housing amendment to the existing Basic Land Use Ordinance rather than a new ordinance. After studying many such ordinances, the Affordable Housing Committee began drafting the ordinance amendment utilizing concepts that have worked in similar Maine towns. Members of the Committee visited one town to see how it had incorporated workforce/affordable housing in its subdivisions. After many edits and revisions by Committee members, a draft was presented to the Select Board for comment in September, 2009, and its suggestions resulted in a revised draft. Small public forums and a public hearing were held. Given that public input, the Committee again revised the draft which is scheduled for a second public hearing in February, 2010. Participation for developers in the affordable housing program is to be voluntary and has built-in incentives. The Committee has also written a sample affordable housing covenant for Town use and a second warrant article to see if the Town will vote to establish an Affordable Housing Fund.

In December, the Committee agreed with the Conservation Commission that at least one affordable house might be built on the Hildreth Road property owned by the Town. This may be a project for the Committee for 2010 as well as an opportunity for working with the non-profit Harpswell Community Housing Trust, for which the Committee is the Town's liaison, as per its mission statement. The Affordable Housing Committee also works with other Harpswell committees regarding housing.

Budget Advisory

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen a municipal budget consisting of \$4,007,083 to be raised from property taxes and \$101,360 from the use of carryovers. Additionally, the Committee recommended that \$600,000 be borrowed for the purpose of funding the Emergency Services Vehicle account.

The recommended 2010 appropriations decreased by \$39,208 or approximately 1% from those for 2009.

In calculating compliance with LD1, the Committee has used a non-property tax revenue estimate of \$1,615,000 and fund balance of \$265,000 which when added back to the 2010 LD1 Levy Limit of \$2,184,539 results in a 2010 budget target of \$4,064,539. The appropriations to be raised are less than this target.

The recommended appropriations for 2010 include a 2% increase in salaries and wages and reflect no change in the employer/employee shares of the cost of health insurance. Further, there is no anticipated reduction in service levels. After exploring several options, the Committee recommended continuing to contract for 2 marine patrol deputies with the Cumberland County Sheriff (in addition to the 3 law enforcement deputies). The Committee also recommended continuing the current relationship with the Curtis Memorial Library and continuing to contribute to social service agencies which benefit Town residents.

The Committee recommended that each of the fire departments receive \$60,000 in funding for a combination of operations and non-vehicle capital needs. This level of funding recognizes the Town's acceptance of the responsibility to fund the vehicle needs of all the departments. The Town completed the purchase of 4 vehicles in 2009 which reduced the dedicated account by \$533,315. The balance remaining in the account, \$276,059 will likely fund one additional vehicle purchase. The Committee has recommended that while interest rates are low, the Town borrow \$600,000 to replenish the account, which should allow for the purchase of 2 to 3 additional vehicles over the next 3 years. It was also recommended that a committee that includes the fire and rescue chiefs of the departments review the original schedule of priorities to assure that the planned order of vehicle replacement remains unchanged.

With respect to the capital improvement of Town roads, the Committee recommended a raise and appropriate amount of \$140,000, which would be combined with the carryover balance of \$101,360. The Road Commissioner currently plans for these funds to be used to rehabilitate Abner Point Road and Washington Avenue, both of which are on Bailey Island.

New items in 2010 are (1) \$10,000 for energy conservation measures at the Town Office, (2) \$20,000 for review of the new FEMA standards for flood plains, (3) \$3,000 in support of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, (4) \$2,500 to assist the efforts of Carrying Place Assembly, (5) \$2,582 for Bailey Island Library Hall, (6) \$1,800 for disaster recovery in the event the Town's accounting software server crashes, (7) \$1,050 in contributions to the Midcoast Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Scouting Association and \$500 for the 5 Rivers Arts Alliance which promotes our region's artists and cultural assets.

The Orr's Island Library request of \$15,000 in 2010 is the second installment of an initial request for \$50,000 over 3 years for the expansion and renovation of the Library. (\$10,000 was included in the 2009 budget). The project, which is expected to cost \$300,000, will add space, improve energy efficiency, make improvements that reduce maintenance costs, provide ADA access and improve site drainage, landscaping and parking. The Committee recommended that the request be funded once non-Town fundraising reaches \$100,000.

The Committee appreciates the efforts made by the entire staff in submitting 2009 funding requests which kept spending increases minimal. The administrative staff, as always, provided excellent assistance to the Committee in explaining budget items, answering requests for additional information and keeping the budget review process on track.

Planning Board

During 2009 the Planning Board held eight hearings and heard 16 applications. On-site visits were performed at 14 properties. The Board also held two workshops, one with the Board of Selectmen, to review procedural matters and proposed ordinance changes.

The Board heard one application for reconstruction of a non-conforming shoreland business zone property and one for a non-conforming shoreland commercial fisheries property. Both were approved, the latter with one condition.

All of the eight site plan reviews were approved, four with conditions. Three subdivision amendments were heard and approved. One sketch plan review was approved; following review, jurisdiction was not taken on one site plan; and one rezoning request was approved as a 2009 warrant item.

During the fourth quarter, 10 applications were reviewed with the Board voting not to take jurisdiction.

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals met seven times in 2009 and heard four variance requests, four administrative appeals of decisions of the Codes Enforcement Officer, and one request for reconsideration of a denied variance.

Two variances were granted with conditions, one was denied, and one withdrawn by the applicant. Three administrative appeals were denied and one granted. The request for reconsideration of a variance was denied.

The cooperation of the Code Enforcement Office and Planning Office is critical to the efficient functioning of the Board of Appeals. The Board benefits in particular from the able service of Planning Assistant Melissa Moretti and Code Enforcement Officer William Wells, and the Board members thank them for their assistance.

Conservation Commission

In setting its goals for 2009, the Conservation Commission decided to concentrate on protection of water resources as outlined in the Open Space Plan approved by the March 2009 Town Meeting.

Save Our Bay Campaign

In October the Commission launched a campaign asking the citizens to protect Harpswell's drinking and marine waters by minimizing the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and other pollutants. Residents are being asked to adopt green gardening methods. This can be done by:



- Replacing “weed and feed” chemicals with slow-release, non-soluble organic nutrients.
- Reducing runoff by replacing lawn at the water’s edge with vegetative buffers.
- Planting native or non-invasive alien plants.

The Selectmen were the first to agree to adopt the policy when they signed the Resolution to *Save Our Bay* at their October 29th meeting.

Protection for the Long Reach Ecosystem

In an effort to appropriately preserve a portion of Town lands in the vicinity of the Town Offices and Long Reach, the Commission suggests a survey be completed on these properties. A survey would identify the ecologically sensitive areas that do not lend themselves to development and thus would benefit from being kept as open space. The study would only be done if grant funding could be obtained.

The Adopt-a-Road Program

Since 2006 the Harpswell Conservation Commission has sponsored a year-round roadside cleanup program with a goal of keeping our Town clean and neat for residents and visitors alike. Over 37 individuals have signed up to adopt a portion of the major roads in Town. Our thanks go out to these faithful workers. There are still many miles that have not yet been “adopted.”

All residents see Harpswell’s beautiful scenery and healthy environment as a big asset, and don’t want it spoiled by roadside litter. If you or your group would like to become part of the program, you can pick up a registration form at the Town Office or download it at www.harpswell.maine.gov. Click on Conservation Commission in the left sidebar.

The Commission invites you to visit its recently updated web page. You can sign up to *Save Our Bay*, download Green Gardening tips, follow links to on-line conservation resources or join the Adopt-a-Road program. It hopes you find it informative.

Established in 1970 by vote at Town Meeting, the Harpswell Conservation Commission has the responsibility of conducting research and giving advice that will help better utilize, protect, and plan for the Town's natural resources and open areas. The Conservation Commission seeks to coordinate its activities with existing Town committees, departments, and with other conservation bodies. Town residents interested in supporting the Commission’s efforts are encouraged to contact any Commissioner or attend its meetings the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Communications Advisory

Having invested a good deal of time and research in assuring that the Committee is moving in the right direction for Harpswell’s communication needs, the Communications Committee is near the end of negotiations with Comcast for a new 10-year cable television franchise. It is pushing for cable extensions into areas not presently served and requiring bandwidth and capabilities in the system, to guarantee that Harpswell has a state-of-the-art cable infrastructure and technology well into the future.

Although communications other than entertainment services may not be included in the franchise agreement, the Committee has worked with Comcast representatives to see that the company provides fast, reliable internet access and that two-way communications capability such as telephone will be here as soon as the company can provide it.

By now all have seen the new tower behind the scale house at the Dennis Moore Recycling Center. This tower was approved at the 2002 Town Meeting. Together with more recent upgrades to our tower ordinance, it will provide for improved cell phone and emergency radio service to the people of Harpswell.

Tower Specialists in Falmouth, the owner of the tower is taking all the risks as they seek permits, build, install services, pay lease fees and insurance and otherwise take on all the responsibility of a 300-foot communications tower. Harpswell receives revenues from rentals on the tower and free use of the top (the prime location) of the tower for its fire and rescue communications.

In short, not only does Harpswell now have improved services at no cost, it actually receives income from the new tower with no financial risk. The tower is also a major part of Cumberland County's improved communications infrastructure. A big thank you goes out to Ed Sparks of the O.B.I. Fire Department for taking the lead on fire and rescue communications issues.

Comprehensive Plan Implementation

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) is guided by the Comprehensive Plan of 2005's goal of encouraging future development in growth districts around traditional villages while keeping plenty of open rural space throughout Town.

Growth Districts

CPIC developed four criteria for growth districts:

1. Close to existing substantial residential development
2. Includes amenities for community life such as shops, churches, libraries, schools
3. Absence of constraints (steep slopes, wetlands, natural features, conserved parcels)
4. Space available for development

Originally 11 possible growth districts were suggested, including a town district along Mountain Road, to reflect the criteria chosen. The number of suggested growth districts will be reduced to provide enough space for anticipated future growth. CPIC agreed that mixed-use development throughout Town should continue. CPIC took three trips around Town in order to better understand the growth districts and what makes Harpswell Harpswell.

In keeping with the Comprehensive Plan of 2005, CPIC sought to encourage future development close to existing villages.

1. CPIC discussed lowering sub-division lot sizes in designated growth districts adjacent to villages.
2. CPIC discussed the value of encouraging clustered housing in growth district subdivisions.

Rural Areas

There has been some discussion about considering moderate lot size increases in rural subdivisions.

CPIC now needs to seek public input on the following:

1. The concept of encouraging growth close to existing historic villages
2. Reasonable boundaries for those growth districts
3. The feasibility of permitting smaller lot-sizes in growth-district subdivisions
4. A possible increase in rural sub-division lot size

It was agreed that CPIC will develop a survey in the coming year to gain broader input from the Town.

Professional Assistance

Town Planner Carol Tukey has assisted CPIC at all of its meetings. The findings of the Ransom Water and Septic Study of 2008 helped the CPIC to work on suitable growth districts. Committee consultants Beth Della Valle and Judy Colby-George have met with CPIC and have worked closely with the Town Planner on maps to help CPIC identify growth districts for future development and to visualize Harpswell's growth in the future.

Goals for 2010

The Committee's goal is to implement the Comprehensive Plan by encouraging growth in agreed-upon growth districts, while promoting diversity in housing and keeping Harpswell looking like Harpswell. Following public discussions, CPIC will prepare land-use change proposals to be presented at the 2011 Town Meeting.

Energy Task Force

Realizing that the biggest return on energy investment comes from conservation, Harpswell's Energy Committee spent much of its time during 2009 improving the energy efficiency of municipal operations. Committee member John Monaghan took the lead role in providing energy audits of Town buildings to determine the problems and seeking grants to pay for improvements. Through John's efforts we have joined with other towns to better our chances of a positive grant result.

The Committee is currently working on street lighting standards. The Selectmen have asked if some of Harpswell's street lights might be removed due to light pollution, energy inefficiencies, environment and the fact that our municipal budget carries an expenditure of over \$28,000 per year for street lighting. We are working with other towns and national and state standards to create a policy for the Selectmen to work with. We realize that some areas in Harpswell may require lights due to safety or security concerns but that there are lights in places which do not correspond with any sensible standards.

This year the Committee met with energy experts and engineers to determine if there was a possible project such as local ocean hydro which Harpswell might want to undertake. At this point there are no plans to pursue such a project.

Watch for information in future editions of the Harpswell Anchor and the Town Bulletin and programs on Harpswell Community Television designed to help you increase the energy efficiency of your homes and businesses.

Fire & Rescue

The three Fire and Rescue Departments' goal of improved communication took a substantial step forward as the new cell tower was erected next to the recycling center. The installation of the new repeater system, to be operational in 2010, is a milestone for Town-wide public safety emergency communication. It represents the continued dedication of the men and women volunteers of the Orr's/Bailey Island, Harpswell Neck and Cundy's Harbor Fire & Rescue Departments in their efforts to provide the highest level of service to the community.

This year the Three Fire & Rescue Departments took delivery of three new emergency vehicles purchased by the Town of Harpswell. A new ambulance was received by Orr's/Bailey Island Department and Cundys Harbor Fire Department and a new tank truck chassis was fitted to an existing tanker body for Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue.

The following are the response totals for 2009

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>EMS</u>
Cundy's Harbor	41	93
Harpswell Neck	64	84
Orrs's/Bailey	<u>47</u>	<u>145</u>
Totals	152	322

Harbor & Waterfront

During 2009, the Harbor and Waterfront Committee reviewed and provided comment on multiple inquiries from the Selectmen and Townspeople.

The Committee recognized the need for a planning tool to guide decisions around Harpswell waterfront issues. This type of planning tool has been developed in many towns and is often referred to as a Harbor Management Plan. The Committee developed a list of long term priorities to be considered in a Harbor Management Plan. These priorities were reviewed with the Selectmen and formalized in a grant application to the Maine State Planning Office. Through significant efforts by the Harbormaster, and the recognized need for a waterfront planning guide, the State of Maine granted the Town of Harpswell a Shore and Harbor Planning Grant in the amount of \$20,000.

A request for proposal was developed and the Town received six proposals received from planning consultants interested in leading the Town through the process to develop a Harbor Management Plan. The Committee, working close with the Town Planning Office, developed a set of criteria to evaluate, interview and award the contract. The Harbor Management Plan development will begin in January of 2010.

Pipeline Easement Advisory

The Selectmen established the Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee in 2006 with the objective of returning pipeline easements to property owners without incurring liability to the Town or to the property owners. The Committee and Selectmen agreed that return of the easements is best accomplished following removal of the asbestos-covered pipes and any needed environmental cleanup by the Federal Government. The Navy was persuaded to commit \$9.4 million for pipeline removal.

During the past year the Navy and its contractors conducted studies and assessments, obtained necessary permits, requested bids for the pipeline removal effort and selected Charter Environmental, Inc. of Wilmington, MA to do the work. Charter Environmental expects to begin removing the pipes by mid-winter 2010.

While the Committee had hoped physical removal would have begun in 2009, it nevertheless feels that progress has been steady, albeit slower than expected. The terms of the contract require Charter Environmental to complete the project within one year.

Once the pipes are removed, the government easements should be extinguished and the Harpswell landowners along the current right of way should have their full property rights returned. The Navy has indicated the easements will be conveyed directly to the landowners without involving the Town of Harpswell in the chain of ownership. The Committee will monitor events until this process is successfully concluded.

Marine Resources

In 2009 the Committee and Town Wardens struggled with the wording of the current residency section of the ordinance and how it applies to the issuance of licenses. The Selectmen requested that the definition of residency be reviewed, clarified, and strengthened in the ordinance.

Once again, Harpswell faced several closures of productive clam flats due to poor water quality, red tides, and heavy rains. The flats were closed from the end of May through the beginning of July. That is when most Harpswell harvesters work hard to dig out from under winter bills. Mother Nature was not kind to the harvesters this past spring but July and August helped bring things back toward normal. The Committee worked with harvesters on their conservation commitments. Members of the Committee invited students from the Harpswell Islands School to learn about conservation and planting of seed clams in Tondreau's Cove. The Committee worked with members of the town of Phippsburg's Marine Resources Committee to gather seed clams for the benefit of both towns.

In 2010 the Committee looks forward to working with the Department of Marine Resources to open more coves and to supporting the Carrying Place Assembly with its endeavors to reclaim Harpswell's historic boundary. The Committee will not be conducting fall conservation dates this year. Commercial harvesters are encouraged to attend early spring dates to fulfill the conservation requirements.

As always, the Committee would like to encourage anyone interested in becoming a member of this Committee to contact the Selectmen's Office. Anyone who is interested or who has questions related to harvesting shellfish in Town, is welcome to attend the monthly meetings which are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Town Office .

Mitchell Field Implementation

This has been a busy year for the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee--leading into a much busier year. Arrangements were made for the gates to the field to be open to vehicles much of the time during the warmer months, from early in the morning to sunset. They will be reopened in the spring for the same hours. Volunteers removed safety hazards on the pier to make it safe for public recreational use. The goal is to have a handrail installed and the access gate opened this summer. Due to heavy rains in the spring, the Community Gardens were put on hold until the soil dried and testing could be completed. That done, all is well and gardens can be planted this spring. We will be forming a committee of residents to steer the process to fruition. Please call one of the Mitchell Field Committee members if you are interested in joining this effort or making use of a garden plot.

The Town Planner worked to secure a \$25,000 grant for the implementation of performance standards and zoning changes for the areas at the waterfront on the north side of the pier designated for business by the Mitchell Field Master Plan. A consultant has been hired and begun the work phase of this project. The Committee will be holding several public forums this spring to work out the standards and changes needed to attract business and make the process of development smoother and more predictable for businesses and the Town. The Committee is hoping for a small sum of money, either through an applied-for grant or at Town Meeting, to assess the existing buildings and start the process of tearing down those which are hazardous or of no use.

Solid Waste Committee

The Harpswell Solid Waste Committee met a number of times in 2009 to work on issues related to operation of the Dennis Moore Recycling Center (DMRC) and on operational policies to recommend to the Selectboard.

The Committee, in conjunction with Fred Cantu, DMRC manager, reviewed the question of a permit system for commercial haulers in order to get a better handle on the recycling activities related to commercial users of the facility. The Committee greatly appreciates the help of Cheryl Ward and Wes Murphy in working on this issue.

The method for distributing recycling center stickers to Town residents, seasonal owners and rental tenants was looked at as well, with the intent being to improve the process to make sure that the right folks get permits and others (e.g., some non-residents) do not.

The Committee continued to monitor the recycling rate for the Town and the pros and cons of changing our system to Single Stream and Pay-Per-Throw. Harpswell's recycling rate slipped in

2009 and the Committee hopes residents will renew their efforts to sort trash and recycle. The DMRC makes it easy to recycle and the more Harpswell recycles, the more it reduces the tax burden. No significant changes are anticipated to our system at this time, but as always, improving the recycling rate while reducing the amount of expensive trash that goes to landfill continues to be the Town's goal.

For 2010 the SWC is considering a survey of users to gauge their opinions on a number of operational and general recycling issues. It will continue to monitor the recycling efforts of the Town and assist the Manager with questions of policy and operations guidance. The SWC appreciates the commendable rate of recycling that Harpswell residents achieve year in and year out and will continue to work to make it easier and more economical for the Town and users.

If you have questions or concerns, or would like to serve on the Solid Waste Committee, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Town Lands

The Town Lands Committee enjoyed a full complement of members and discussed many things over the past year, including the parking at the Giant's Stairs path, the care of Town cemeteries and boat storage at Mackerel Cove.

The Committee gave opinions to the Town concerning the Orr's Island bridge wharves, usage of property on the Hildreth Road and a potential purchase of property on Upland Lane.

2010 will have the Committee working on the Town Steward Program, developing a Town Lands brochure, working with the Recreation Committee on developing a trail on the Devil's Back property and building a stairway on the Giant's Stairs path to the shore.

A link to the "Keep Mackerel Cove Clean" website can be found on the Town of Harpswell home page. The Committee recommends that its Harpswell neighbors utilize the wonderful Town-owned properties

Cundy's Harbor Library

The new wing of Cundy's Harbor Library (CHL), the opening of which was the highlight of its 2008 report, got its finishing touches in 2009. Spring brought completion of exterior trim, an all-over exterior paint job, and new plantings. With construction finally over, it was time to turn attention to the collection and library services. This began with revisions to the schedule to increase open time to 17 hours a week, staying open until 8:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Then the Library embarked on a complete inventory and reorganization of the holdings. Through donations and purchases, several hundred book, audiobook, and video titles were added to the collection.

CHL actively participated in the Mid-Coast Community Read 2009 with a well-attended evening program in February featuring Jim Cornish, of the Stone Soup Institute, who led a lively discussion on “Eating Locally” in Harpswell. The ten local children who participated in the Summer Reading Program 2009 in June and July produced a short video, “Pirates at the Library!” which has appeared on Harpswell Community Television. In addition to allowing the library to offer programs of its own, the new wing has allowed it to offer meeting space for community groups and has become the venue for several regular meetings, including the Cranberry Horn Cemetery Board of Directors, and the Harpswell Community Housing Trust Board of Directors. The library has also entered into an agreement with the Harbor Works Gallery, which opened in the Holbrook-Trufant House in June of 2009, to house and displays the photographs taken by young Harpswell fishermen who participate in the Gallery’s “Youth Works” program.

Patronage and circulation continue to increase: 2009 brought 21% more visitors to the library, and it lent out 29% more books and other materials (including two “Kill a Watt” meters provided by the Efficiency Maine program) than in 2008. Use of the public Internet access through the WiFi network and the public kiosk computer was up 59% from last year, as well.

Vacancies on the Cundy’s Harbor Library Board of Directors that opened in 2008 were filled this year by Leslie Bradbury and Rhonda Weaver, both of whom have proved invaluable contributors to the library’s activities and services.

As in prior years, the Library held a number of successful fundraising events, including Community Breakfasts in January and May, the annual Book Sale in July, and food sales featuring stews, casseroles, bread, and lobster pie at the polls on Election Day, and a Family Square Dance in November. The library’s Annual Appeal mailing to patrons and donors in November had, by year-end, exceeded its fundraising goal of \$6,000, and contributions are still coming in. Those funds will allow CHL to continue improving the library in 2010, with renovations to the original part of the building and paving of the library driveway and parking area to prevent erosion. Cundy’s Harbor Library looks forward to an active and exciting 2010 and invites you to join it. Check out the calendar of events on the website, <http://www.cundysharbor.lib.me.us>, and come on down!

Samuel Schwartz, Librarian
Sue Hawkes, President

Pam Bichrest, Treasurer
Jody Watson, Secretary

Orr’s Island Library

The Library continues to serve the Town as it has since its inception in 1900, primarily as a reading and lending library with a significant book collection. It also has a substantial collection of audio books, videos and DVDs, wireless internet capability and two computers that are available to the public.

The Library sponsors additional activities including a set of summer programs for kids and an adult book group. Attendance at the children’s summer programs has grown substantially over the past few years and the library’s ongoing book group continues to attract a circle of readers who enjoy sharing their thoughts about an array of books.

The book sale and fair in August generate a significant portion of the Library's operating budget. This, along with direct contributions from its annual appeal and support from the Town, provides most of the income for the library.

Because of increasing demand for services, the Library has added hours on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. to its other regular hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to longer hours, the Library has added several new initiatives in the last year: It launched its website (<http://orrisislandlibrary.org>) last spring to provide an internet presence and a new way to connect with the community. Since its inception the Library has posted photographs about events and developments at the Library and provided current on-line information about Library hours, available computer and wifi equipment, upcoming programs, and new acquisitions.

The Library is partnering with the Harpswell Historical Society in what it hopes will become an ongoing joint effort to offer simple but meaningful exhibits of historical materials from the Historical Society's archive.

AND, most important, the Library has begun construction on its 800 square foot addition. The expansion will provide more reading room space, handicapped access, room for community meetings, and workspace. Architectural drawings and information about the addition can be found on the Library website.

The Town of Harpswell's support is vital to the Library and its Trustees and staff thank everyone for past support that has enabled it to grow during the last century, and for additional support that will allow it to grow and continue to serve the Town for the next century.

Peg Bonarrigo, President

Joanne Rogers, Librarian

Curtis Memorial Library

This has been a challenging year for everyone in the community. However, with the help of dedicated supporters Curtis Memorial Library remains strong:

- In 2009 we were able to add 13,242 new books and other materials to the library's collection, paid for primarily by private gifts to the library's Annual Book Fund.
- We had 256,192 visits to the library, a one year increase of over 4%.
- The numbers of items loaned by the library increased by more than 10%.
- And we managed all of these increases with the same staffing levels we've had over the past 5 years.

We have had some major achievements over the past year, all aimed at improving library services:

- The story time room in the Children's Area was remodeled, all funding coming from private donations.
- The library received a \$15,000 grant from the Davis Family Foundation to support the purchase of over 650 new large print books to serve the growing senior community.
- The Maine Charity Foundation provided Curtis with a \$3,500 grant to add books to the library's Job Center, focusing on job searching, support of small businesses and financial literacy.
- The library hosted an Emergency Preparedness Day in September with community's police and fire departments, supported by a grant given to only three libraries nationally. The attendance was excellent with important information about preparing for emergencies shared with participants.
- The number of volunteers working at Curtis increased from 270 to 333, an increase of almost 20% versus the prior year. Volunteers are an excellent indicator of the community's support of the library

We would like to thank the citizens of Harpswell for their continued support of Curtis. Your participation in this institution has been a long tradition and one that we hope continues far into the future. By financially supporting the Library, Harpswell is ensuring that every member of its community, regardless of their income, has equal access to information that they need to manage their lives e.g. information about employment, health, finances, personal issues, community issues, education. Equal access to information is one of the core values of our democracy.

Additionally, Curtis provides a wide array of services, far beyond just lending books. In a tight economy, it provides access to entertainment, relaxation, community connection, education, computers and the Internet - all free to card-holders – and those resources are available 7 days a week.

We look forward to another outstanding year of continuing this relationship.

Elisabeth Doucett, Library Director

Harpswell Community Television

Over the last year Harpswell Community Television continued to provide its public with the wide variety in programming that it has said it enjoys. Old movies, serials and cartoons along with up-to-date science and nature programs and local cooking shows, municipal meetings, school music programs and talk shows have kept Harpswell residents entertained and informed. Station manager, Donna Frisoli searches through archives and resources on a daily basis to find programming to fit your requests. We have established 4pm to 6pm as a time in which we endeavor to broadcast educational programs directed toward children who are home from school around that

time. Wholesome programs on science, nature and adventure can be seen by Harpswell's children during this time period especially, but scattered throughout the day and evening as well so that the entire family can watch together.

The studio is used throughout the year by Harpswell's residents and local organizations such as People Plus, Parkview Adventist Medical Center and Midcoast Hospital to reach out to our viewing area with interesting and informative programs.

You may already know that your community television station is the only broadcast public, educational, governmental station in the United States. As a "Low Power" station we were not required by the F.C.C. to convert to digital broadcast in 2009 but we have planned to convert and have raised most of the funds to do so. We had intended to retain our old transmitter and convert portions of it to digital but now realize that the transmitter, being 12 years old, must be replaced entirely. We are also planning upgrades to the studio, editing and master control functions which will increase our reliability and your viewing enjoyment. We are working with Dave Cox, our volunteer professional television engineer, to create a more modern, efficient, and effective community television station.

Paul Dostie left our board of directors in December after serving faithfully and well. Thank you Paul. Donnett Goodenow has joined the community TV staff part time to help with administrative matters and to keep the News Hour updated. She replaces Sharon Strachan who moved away. Linda Strickland stepped down as our Treasurer in December after many years and Lynda DeHaan will take on serving double duty as our Secretary and Treasurer.

As always Harpswell residents are encouraged to stop by the station to share their likes, dislikes and wishes. After all this is your station.

Tom Allen, President
Linda Strickland, Treasurer
Sue Marley

David I. Chipman, Vice President
Jenn Nelson
Dave Mercier

Lynda DeHaan, Secretary
Dan Boland
Paul Dosties

Harpswell Historical Society

The Harpswell Historical Society is alive and well in its 32nd year. This past year has seen an increase in both membership and interest in the Society's goals. In 2010 the Society hopes to increase the number of times its Museum will be open.

The Harpswell Historical Society Museum is now in its 10th year. The past 10 years have seen constant growth in both the collections and number of visitors. It will be open on Memorial Day, and in June, July, August, September and October on Sundays from 2 to 4. It is also open by appointment (833-6322).

All Harpswell is invited to the Society's reading of the Declaration of Independence at The Old Town Meetinghouse at 11 A.M. on the 4th of July; to the Halloween Party in October and to the Community Tree Lighting in December.

The Harpswell Historical Society, in agreement with the Town of Harpswell, has the responsibility for the continued care and maintenance of the Old Town Meeting House, the Town Pound and the Hearse House. The Society will aid those individuals and organizations with interest in using these facilities.

David Hackett III
President

M.S.A.D #75

This past year has challenged everyone's ability to roll with the ever-changing climate of the State's economy. Last fiscal year we saw a curtailment of \$293,000. This fiscal year we are faced with a \$413,000 curtailment. However we have been helped by \$464,366 in Federal Stabilization Funds. We do not anticipate any further stabilization funds next year or for the \$413,000 to be restored.

We have been told the state will reduce school subsidy by another \$36 million which means at least another \$400,000 drop in subsidy for MSAD #75. Creating a total of at least \$1.2 million loss in subsidy for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Needless to say, the Board is continuing its efforts to find ways to reduce our operating expenses without jeopardizing programming. The MSAD #75 - Brunswick Task Force is working hard to find opportunities to share resources. Included in some of the discussions that are going on is the concept of all day vocational school at MVR 10. How this would look and work is still a work in progress where the Task Force is doing research on this particular idea, along with other ideas such as combining certain special education classes. Other cost saving measures being done in the District have to do with our energy retrofit, replacing lights, switches, plumbing, etc. through out the district in order to save on energy costs.

The Comprehensive Strategic Planning Committee (CSPC) took the information gathered at the community forums held in December 2008 and explored ways to address some of the expectations that were expressed by community members.

Unfortunately, the first major decision is unsettling to some, the decision being to close the West Harpswell School. The decision was not made easily and while much focus has been placed on cost savings, much deliberation went into the decision to close the school. The importance of more than one grade level teacher, services (library, phys-ed, and social/guidance) offered more days per week, and the ability to implement the Response to Intervention (RTI) model all played a major role in the decision. While we understand and value the dedication and loyalty parents have for their school, we must make choices that will create the best possible learning environment for all students involved.

The CSPC also charged the high school with the task of looking at its schedule with the goal of moving towards a block schedule more along the lines of Brunswick and Freeport. This will allow easier scheduling for vocational students and open up the possibilities of sharing classes between Brunswick and Mt. Ararat. This will also make it easier for students to take advantage of college courses that are available to them. The high school has already had many changes. Over 900 laptops arrived last summer and the upgrades (at no cost to the district) have been done to improve internet capabilities at the school. The technology department is doing whatever is necessary to help faculty members with integration of the new technology into their curriculum.

The expectations for our students by graduation continue to increase as funding decreases. The State's promise to pay 55% is not happening. In fact the State is going in the opposite direction. Unfortunately, it is shifting more responsibility to the towns to come up with the additional funding. The school board realizes the need to keep the school budget down in these trying economical times and we are looking in all areas to find whatever savings possible.

The work to put the 2010-2011 budget together is underway. We value input from the community. We encourage you to attend the public budget forum (Tuesday, March 30th) and hope everyone can come out for the District Budget Meeting (Thursday, May 27 at the Orion Performing Arts Center).

As your elected representatives on the SAD #75 School Board, we are committed to providing the highest quality education possible to the children of this district.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rogers 833-5576
Dorothy "Dee" Carrier 729-1340

David A. Johnson 833-6773
Jane B. Meinsenbach 833-0509

Carrying Place Assembly

The Carrying Place Assembly (CPA) is a group of Harpswell residents who came together in 2008 to share research, to document facts from the public record and to try to make the citizens aware of the facts surrounding the 1998 process and decisions which ceded to Brunswick over 300 acres of marine land at the northern end of Middle Bay and also over 30 acres of upland at the northern end of Harpswell Neck. All members of the group have served the Town of Harpswell in various capacities, and the group represents decades of service to the Town. CPA believes the 1998 decision to accept a so-called “settlement line” was hasty, based on incomplete information and inadequate understanding of the historic record and moved quickly through each step of the process to solve a wrangle over shellfish rights. A town line that had existed for 240 years was thus cast aside, leaving Harpswell poorer.

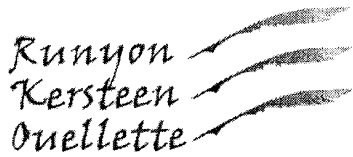
In 2009 at the behest of the Carrying Place Assembly, the Board of Selectmen placed an article in the Town warrant to re-open the boundary line issue and pursue a legislative remedy as appropriate. With the help of Representative Leila Percy, LD1414 was placed on the Legislature’s docket and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. A hearing was held and testimony given on the bill on May 6, 2009. The CPA provided all members of the legislative Committee with a packet of documented facts from the public record which proves Harpswell’s case beyond any reasonable doubt. The Committee workshop and vote was held May 12, 2009. Many Brunswick representatives presented hearsay and newspaper clippings. The Committee voted 10 to 3, “ought not to pass.” The Harpswell contingent had been naive in thinking facts would carry the day.

The Carrying Place Assembly is not deterred. All the facts show that its cause is just and correct. The CPA will continue to work to restore the historically correct boundary. In 2010 it will embark on a public education campaign, solicit broader public support, again ask the Town Meeting for its blessing to continue the work and to lobby pertinent legislators in Augusta. When a new version of LD 1410 is introduced to a new legislature, CPA wants to have overwhelming support that will fill the hearing room and halls, causing the Committee members to set politics aside and seriously review their erroneous 1998 decision. If that can happen, CPA is confident it can prevail and Harpswell’s historic and correct Town line will be reestablished.

Respectfully,

Malcolm B. Whidden
John Loyd
Sam W. Alexander
Amy Haible
Gareth Anderson
And others

Richard Snow, consultant
George Barnes, deceased
Richard Barton, deceased



Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the government activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Harpswell, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the Town of Harpswell, Maine's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 1, 2010.

The accompanying summary financial information (listed below) represents excerpts from the Town's complete financial statements and therefore is not a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- ✓ Statement 4
- ✓ Exhibit A-1
- ✓ Exhibit A-2
- ✓ Exhibit B-2

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the portion of the basic financial statements from which it has been derived.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Runyon Kersteen Ouellette".

February 1, 2010
South Portland, Maine

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2009

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 11,619,881	-	11,619,881
Intergovernmental	293,110	-	293,110
Fines and violations	171	-	171
Miscellaneous	492,836	102,540	595,376
Total revenues	12,405,998	102,540	12,508,538
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,093,359	-	1,093,359
Public works	793,477	-	793,477
Protection and safety	821,208	-	821,208
Health and welfare	33,990	-	33,990
Cultural and recreation	208,419	56,373	264,792
Education	7,522,773	-	7,522,773
County taxes	1,086,760	-	1,086,760
Overlay/abateements	4,136	-	4,136
Debt service	654,568	-	654,568
Capital and special projects	145,827	1,290,225	1,436,052
Total expenditures	12,364,517	1,346,598	13,711,115
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	41,481	(1,244,058)	(1,202,577)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Proceeds from long-term debt	690,000	-	690,000
Transfers (to) from other funds	(807,884)	807,884	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(117,884)	807,884	690,000
Net change in fund balances	(76,403)	(436,174)	(512,577)
Fund balances, beginning of year	3,837,595	836,197	4,673,792
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 3,761,192	400,023	4,161,215

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets
General Fund
December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,781,642	4,351,098
Receivables:		
Taxes	586,173	441,899
Tax liens and acquired properties	84,220	61,876
Other	59,333	42,576
Notes receivable	25,000	50,000
Prepaid items	13,358	31,149
Total assets	\$ 4,549,726	4,978,598
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	50,805	67,210
Taxes paid in advance	856	19,326
Deferred revenues	336,850	218,270
Interfund payables:		
Special Revenue	22,603	38,916
Capital Projects	377,420	797,281
Total liabilities	788,534	1,141,003
Fund balance:		
Reserved for long-term receivable	25,000	50,000
Unreserved:		
Designated for subsequent years expenditures	380,042	428,123
Undesignated	3,356,150	3,359,472
Total fund balance	3,761,192	3,837,595
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 4,549,726	4,978,598

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting)
For the year ended December 31, 2009

	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 10,739,970	10,739,970	10,750,704	10,734
Change in deferred taxes	-	-	(119,000)	(119,000)
Interest and fees on property taxes	28,000	28,000	29,717	1,717
Excise taxes and registration fees	920,000	920,000	958,460	38,460
Total taxes	11,687,970	11,687,970	11,619,881	(68,089)
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	150,000	150,000	155,467	5,467
Local road assistance URIP	45,300	45,300	45,300	-
Homestead exemption and BETE	57,377	57,377	57,204	(173)
Tree growth	6,700	6,700	5,625	(1,075)
General assistance	2,000	2,000	11,692	9,692
Veterans exemption	1,500	1,500	3,562	2,062
Federal - FEMA	-	-	11,125	11,125
Other	1,500	1,500	3,135	1,635
Total intergovernmental	264,377	264,377	293,110	28,733
Fines and violations	3,000	3,000	171	(2,829)
Miscellaneous:				
Interest earned	65,000	65,000	46,804	(18,196)
Copies and records	4,000	4,000	3,053	(947)
Cable TV franchise fee	55,000	55,000	64,404	9,404
Licenses, fees and permits	142,200	142,200	156,778	14,578
Recycling center and disposal fees	170,000	170,000	191,453	21,453
Donations and gifts	8,000	8,000	15,371	7,371
Sale of property	4,000	4,000	4,651	651
Unclassified	3,800	3,800	10,322	6,522
Total miscellaneous	452,000	452,000	492,836	40,836
Total revenues	12,407,347	12,407,347	12,405,998	(1,349)

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued
For the year ended December 31, 2009

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures:							
General government:							
9	Elected officials	\$ -	117,738	117,738	116,961	777	-
General administration:							
10	Administration	3,351	273,360	276,711	246,873	29,838	-
10	Public information	-	9,500	9,500	6,258	3,242	-
10	Risk management	-	50,600	50,600	46,979	3,621	-
10	Legal services	-	40,000	40,000	30,269	9,731	-
11	Memberships	-	17,338	17,338	17,152	186	-
12	Assessing	-	79,972	79,972	77,372	2,600	-
13	Tax collector's office	-	33,065	33,065	31,493	1,572	-
14	Town clerk's office	2,843	49,700	52,543	42,909	9,634	-
15	Treasurer	-	1,750	1,750	1,057	693	-
16	Code enforcement	-	87,598	87,598	82,080	5,518	-
17	Planning	23,520	70,920	94,440	69,738	24,702	18,965
18	Employee benefits	-	258,653	258,653	245,277	13,376	-
19	Committees and commissions	-	4,650	4,650	3,712	938	-
Operations and maintenance:							
20	Municipal buildings and property	-	74,250	74,250	64,107	10,143	-
20	Old town house and commons	-	4,500	4,500	3,550	950	-
20	Town dock	-	3,250	3,250	2,795	455	-
20	Town landings	-	6,000	6,000	4,777	1,223	-
Total general government		29,714	1,182,844	1,212,558	1,093,359	119,199	18,965
Public works:							
21	Snow removal	-	439,000	439,000	407,644	31,356	-
21	Maintenance	-	50,000	50,000	32,899	17,101	-
21	Road, street signs	-	2,500	2,500	1,332	1,168	-
22	Recycling and transfer station	-	377,797	377,797	351,602	26,195	-
Total public works		-	869,297	869,297	793,477	75,820	-
Protection and safety:							
23,24	Emergency services	5,710	203,500	209,210	200,852	8,358	-
25	Street lighting	-	28,500	28,500	26,603	1,897	-
26	Harbor management	-	38,870	38,870	35,600	3,270	-
27	Animal control	-	23,419	23,419	22,748	671	-
28	Law enforcement and communication	-	357,343	357,343	357,606	(263)	-
28	Shellfish conservation enforcement	-	190,999	190,999	177,799	13,200	-
Total protection and safety		5,710	842,631	848,341	821,208	27,133	-
Health and welfare:							
29	Health and welfare	-	31,730	31,730	33,990 *	(2,260)	-
Total health and welfare		-	31,730	31,730	33,990	(2,260)	-
Cultural and recreation:							
30	Cultural and education programs	-	30,500	30,500	30,467	33	-
31	Curtis Memorial Library	-	116,000	116,000	116,000	-	-
32	Harpswell community broadcasting	-	36,500	36,500	36,500	-	-
33	Recreation - general	-	30,545	30,545	25,452	5,093	-
Total cultural and recreation		-	213,545	213,545	208,419	5,126	-

* Contingency transfer approved by selectmen to cover Health and Welfare average (\$2,260)

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued
For the year ended December 31, 2009

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures, continued:							
CF	A. Dennis Moore Recycling / Transfer St.	84,778	-	84,778	5,400	79,378	79,378
<i>Other capital / carryovers / reserves:</i>							
35	Joyce Brown Swim fund	3,861	-	3,861	90	3,771	3,791
37	Dry hydrant development	11,690	4,000	15,690	-	15,690	15,690
CF	OBI fire capital	30	-	30	30	-	-
CF	Land acquisition	1,279	-	1,279	-	1,279	1,279
CF, 37	Vehicle replacement	500	10,000	10,500	-	10,500	10,500
CF	Update of assessing records	20,235	-	20,235	-	20,235	20,235
CF	HCBC digital conversion	25,000	-	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
CF	Cemetery restoration	950	-	950	-	950	950
CF	Emergency communication equipment	5,100	40,000	45,100	24,480	20,620	20,620
49	Orr's Island Library	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	-
CF, 37	Vehicle equipment	3,000	3,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
CF, 37	Boat and motor replacement	20,000	6,000	26,000	-	26,000	26,000
CF, 37	Voting machines	12,300	-	12,300	-	12,300	12,300
CF, 37	Generator replacement	21,000	8,000	29,000	-	29,000	29,000
CF, 37	T/O Improvements	6,000	6,000	12,000	-	12,000	12,000
CF	Cribstone Bridge	35,000	-	35,000	12,955	22,045	-
CF	Legislative agent	4,000	-	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
CF	Water septic study	1,609	-	1,609	1,559	50	-
CF	Community development	3,762	-	3,762	282	3,480	3,480
CF	Town landing signage	2,273	-	2,273	135	2,138	-
CF	Self insurance reserve	3,742	-	3,742	208	3,534	3,534
CF	Handicap access / vault	2,599	-	2,599	2,599	-	-
CF, 37	Heating assistance	10,308	10,000	20,308	10,533	9,775	14,711
43	Municipal software upgrade	-	30,839	30,839	30,839	-	-
CF	GIS	1,476	-	1,476	-	1,476	-
CF, 44	Marine hazards / Potts Point Dock	18,522	15,000	33,522	29,750	3,772	3,522
CF	Failed septic systems	14,272	-	14,272	7,040	7,232	7,232
CF, 41	Mitchell Field - other	9,611	1,000	10,611	6,927	3,684	3,684
CF	Mitchell Field - deeds	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
CF	Mitchell Field - legal	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
45	Mitchell Field - zoning / performance	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	Mitchell Field - gifts	-	-	-	-	-	50
Total capital and special projects		329,397	148,839	478,236	145,827	332,409	311,456
40	Debt service	-	677,072	677,072	654,568	22,504	-
CF	Contingency	51,881	-	51,881	-	51,881	49,621
Total budgeted expenditures		416,702	3,965,958	4,382,660	3,750,848	631,812	380,042
Other expenditures:							
	Educational appropriation	-	7,522,773	7,522,773	7,522,773	-	-
	County tax	-	1,086,760	1,086,760	1,086,760	-	-
	Overlay / abatements	-	36,523	36,523	4,136	32,387	-
Total other expenditures		-	8,646,056	8,646,056	8,613,669	32,387	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over							
(under) expenditures		(416,702)	(204,667)	(621,369)	41,481	662,850	(380,042)
Other financing sources (uses):							
39	Proceeds from long-term debt	-	650,000	650,000	650,000	-	-
CF	Proceeds from long-term debt	-	40,000	40,000	40,000	-	-
38	Transfer to Capital Projects - emergency vehicle	(11,421)	(140,000)	(151,421)	(151,421)	-	-
39	Transfer to Capital Projects - road projects	-	(650,000)	(650,000)	(650,000)	-	-
	Transfer from Grant fund	-	-	-	787	787	-
34	Transfer to Recreation fund - programs	-	(7,250)	(7,250)	(7,250)	-	-
59	Use of undesign. fund balance - budget	-	285,000	285,000	-	(285,000)	-
	Use of undesign. fund balance - loan repayments	-	26,917	26,917	-	(26,917)	-
	Use of carryforward balances	428,123	-	428,123	-	(428,123)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)		416,702	204,667	621,369	(117,884)	(739,253)	-
Net change in fund balance		-	-	-	(76,403)	(76,403)	(380,042)
Fund balance, beginning of year					3,837,595		
Fund balance, end of year					\$ 3,761,192		

* Contingency transfer approved by selectmen to cover Health and Welfare overage (\$2,260)

TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended December 31, 2009

	Special Revenues		Capital Projects		Totals
	Restricted Grants	Recreation	Emergency Vehicle	Road Projects	
Revenues:					
Intergovernmental	\$ 48,732	-	-	-	48,732
Interest earned	-	-	9,434	-	9,434
Charges for services	-	44,374	-	-	44,374
Total revenues	48,732	44,374	9,434	-	102,540
Expenditures:					
For designated purpose	59,509	56,373	-	-	115,882
Capital outlay	-	-	533,315	697,401	1,230,716
Total expenditures	59,509	56,373	533,315	697,401	1,346,598
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(10,777)	(11,999)	(523,881)	(697,401)	(1,244,058)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers (to) from general fund	(787)	7,250	151,421	650,000	807,884
Total other financing sources (uses)	(787)	7,250	151,421	650,000	807,884
Net change in fund balances	(11,564)	(4,749)	(372,460)	(47,401)	(436,174)
Fund balances, beginning of year	14,325	24,591	648,519	148,762	836,197
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 2,761	19,842	276,059	101,361	400,023

Harpswell 2010 Proposed Summary Budget

	2009 Appropriations	2010 Proposed	% Change
General Government	\$1,182,844	\$1,183,889	0.09%
Public Works	\$869,297	\$861,967	-0.84%
Protection & Safety	\$842,631	\$786,143	-6.7%
Health & Welfare	\$41,730	\$46,230	10.78%
Cultural & Recreational	\$220,795	\$225,854	2.29%
Mitchell Field	\$6,000	\$8,500	41.67%
Capital Roads	\$0	\$140,000	
Other Capital	\$47,000	\$77,000	63.83%
Special Projects	\$45,839	\$37,500	-18.19%
Emergency Vehicles	\$140,000	\$0	
Debt Service	<u>\$650,155</u>	<u>\$640,000</u>	-1.56%
Total (LD 1 Compliant)	\$4,046,291	\$4,007,083	-0.97%

The above Table compares the actual 2009 Annual Town Meeting Raised and Appropriated amounts with the proposed 2010 amounts in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of March 20. In addition, a \$600,000 bond is being proposed for purchasing emergency vehicles to be leased to the three independent fire and rescue organizations, such bond to be repaid over a 10-year period, adding approximately \$73,000 to the Town's debt service beginning in fiscal year 2011.

Amounts appropriated are funded by a combination of sources: property taxes, non-property tax revenues, State payments including the homestead exemption, and general fund balance. Amounts appropriated do not directly determine the amount of property taxes to be raised.

The Cumberland County tax is set by the County Commissioners. In 2010, this assessment is slated to decrease by 1.96% from \$1,086,760 to \$1,065,406. This figure is not reflected above.

The SAD # 75 Budget is developed independently. The School Board holds hearings as it is developing its budget and then votes on a budget proposal. Voters in all four towns in the District vote on the school budget first by open meeting, then by secret ballot in the budget validation process, which usually occurs in June. The SAD # 75 Budget is not shown above. (\$7,522,773 was paid to M.S.A.D. #75 in 2009). In addition, Harpswell voters will decide on March 9 whether to pay an additional sum of \$219,030 to the District for the continued operation of West Harpswell School.

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HARPSWELL, MAINE
MARCH 20, 2010**

Cumberland, s.s.

State of Maine

To any Constable or Resident of the Town of Harpswell:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Islands School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the twentieth day of March, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 through 3. The business meeting to act on Article 4 and others that follow will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Art. 1 — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
(POLLS WILL OPEN AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE HAS BEEN ACTED UPON AND
WILL CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M.)

Art. 2 — To choose by secret ballot one Selectman, who shall be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; one Tax Collector for a three-year term; one Town Clerk for a three-year term; one Treasurer for a three-year term; and one M.S.A.D. # 75 Director for a three-year term.

Art. 3 — To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$119,884 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.

*Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer
Not Recommended by Selectman Wallace
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 4 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2010 Amendments to the Harpswell Animal Control Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, the Planning Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at the Town Meeting.]

Art. 5 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2010 Amendments to the Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, the Planning Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at the Town Meeting.]

Art. 6 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Acceptance of Gifts Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS ORDINANCE**

Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide an orderly method for receiving certain types of gifts and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such gifts. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §§ 5654 and 5655, as may be amended from time to time.

1. Delegation of Authority to Board of Selectmen

The Inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell hereby delegate to the Board of Selectmen the authority of the municipality to accept (i) conditional gifts as referenced in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5654, and (ii) unconditional gifts as referenced in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5655; subject, however to the exceptions set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance. Any gifts to the Town of Harpswell (the “Town”) pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § § 5652 (donation of money) and 5653 (gifts of money or property in trust). As may be amended from time to time, remain unaffected by this Ordinance.

2. Gifts

When the Board of Selectmen receives a written notice from a prospective donor or a representative regarding a proposed gift, the Board of Selectmen shall submit the matter to public comment as an agenda item during any duly noticed Board of Selectmen meeting. Input from the community may include, but not be limited to, comment relating to the amount and scope of the gift received, the type of conditions, if any, that should be attached to it, the duration of the conditions of the gift, if any, and any other related comments and/or suggestions. The Board of Selectmen shall consider such comments from the public, but at all times the Board of Selectmen shall retain independent discretion to accept the gift and/or other conditions associated with said prospective gift. Within 10 days after the meeting at which a decision is made to accept or reject a proposed conditional or unconditional gift, the Board of Selectmen shall send written notice of their acceptance or rejection to the donor or the donor’s representative.

3. Exceptions

- (a) If a proposed conditional or unconditional gift would obligate the Town to incur liabilities that total \$300 or more per year , as determined by the Board of Selectmen, such proposed conditional or unconditional gift shall only be accepted by Town meeting.
- (b) If a proposed conditional or unconditional gift of property is valued at \$3,000 or greater, as determined by the Board of Selectmen, that gift shall only be accepted by Town meeting.
- (c) No conditional gift may be accepted which requires any form of naming, recognition or representation of any religious or political symbols or affiliation.

4. Effective Date

This Ordinance will become effective upon adoption by Town meeting.

Art. 7 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2010 Amendments to the Basic Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance” regarding swimming pools be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

The Town of Harpswell Basic Land Use Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck-out~~):

SECTION 11. STANDARDS

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11.18 Swimming Pools. All swimming pools, as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. § 1631(2), shall comply with the fence enclosure requirements set forth in 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 1631-1632, as may be amended from time to time. Failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

The Town of Harpswell Shoreland Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck-out~~):

SECTION 15. LAND USE STANDARDS

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15.24 Swimming Pools. All swimming pools, as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. § 1631(2), shall comply with the fence enclosure requirements set forth in 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 1631-1632, as may be amended from time to time. Failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

Art. 8 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2010 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Regarding Expansion of Non-Conforming Structures” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

The Town of Harpswell Shoreland Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows: (deletions are ~~struck-out~~ additions are underlined):

Section 10.3. Non-Conforming Structures

10.3.1. Expansions. A non-conforming structure may be added to or expanded after obtaining a permit from the same permitting authority as that for a new structure, if such addition or expansion does not increase the non-conformity of the structure. For the purposes of this Ordinance, an increase to the non-conformity of the structure shall mean:

- any expansion towards a water body, tributary stream, wetland, or property line that decreases the shortest existing non-conforming setback distance from the, water body, tributary stream, wetland, or property line; or
- any expansion that would cause the structure to exceed the lot coverage requirements of Section 15.2.4; or
- any expansion that would cause the structure to exceed the height limits of Section 15.2.2.

The shortest existing non-conforming setback distance from a water body, tributary stream,

wetland, or a property line may not be measured from an existing area used mainly for access to a structure, such as a small patio, terrace, landing, or small set of stairs.

***Citizen's Note:** It should be understood that small patios, terraces, landings, or small sets of stairs within minimum setbacks do not change the setback of the adjacent structure and cannot be used to justify expansion of any other part of the structure into that setback.*

10.3.1.1. Further Limitations. If any portion of a structure in existence as of January 1, 1989 is less than the required setback from the maximum high water line of a water body, tributary stream, upland edge of a wetland, or from a property line, that portion of the structure shall not be expanded in floor area or volume, by 30% or more, during the lifetime of the structure. If a replacement structure conforms with the requirements of Section 10.3.2.2 and is less than the required setback from a water body, tributary stream or wetland, the replacement structure may not be expanded if the original structure existing on January 1, 1989 had been expanded by 30% in floor area and volume since that date.

10.3.1.2. Whenever a new, enlarged, or replacement foundation is constructed under a non-conforming structure, the structure and new foundation must be placed such that the setback requirement is met to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer, basing the decision on the criteria specified in Section 10.3.2.1, Relocation. If the completed foundation does not extend beyond the exterior dimensions of the structure, except for expansion in conformity with Section 10.3.1.1, Further Limitations, and the foundation ~~does not cause the structure to be elevated by more than three (3) additional feet, as measured from the uphill side of the structure (from original ground level to the bottom of the first floor sill), is not more than 5 feet in height, as defined herein,~~ it shall not be considered to be an expansion of the structure. Any portion of a foundation proposed to exceed 5 feet in height, as defined herein, shall have the foundation floor area and volume included in the 30% calculation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance or the Definitions Addendum to the contrary, for the purpose of this subsection only, height shall be defined as the vertical distance of the foundation wall of the structure measured from the highest point of the foundation to the lowest point of the foundation anywhere within the interior walls of the foundation.

Art. 9 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2010 Harpswell Sign Ordinance” be enacted, which would repeal and replace the existing Sign Ordinance?

*Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer
Not Recommended by Selectman Wallace*

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, the Planning Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at the Town Meeting.]

Art. 10 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Blasting Ordinance” as proposed by the Harpswell Planning Board be enacted?

*Recommended by Selectman Henderson
Not Recommended by Selectmen Multer and Wallace*

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, the Planning Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at the Town Meeting.]

Article 11 may be passed over if Article 10 is passed.

Art. 11 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “Town of Harpswell Blasting Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, the Planning Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at the Town Meeting.]

Art. 12 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2010 Amendments to the Site Plan Review Ordinance” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

The Town of Harpswell Site Plan Review Ordinance shall be amended as follows (deletions are ~~struck out~~ additions are underlined):

13.2. Application Submission and Review Procedures

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13.2.2. The Municipal Office shall, at the applicant's expense, give written notice to the applicant, by first class mail, of the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the application will be considered, and to all property owners within five-hundred (500) feet of the parcel on which the proposed development is located. The Municipal Office must also give written notice to the applicable Fire Chief and the Road Commissioner. Failure of any property owner, the Fire Chief, or the Road Commissioner to receive the notice sent as required under this subsection shall not necessitate another public meeting or invalidate any action taken by the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall also cause notice of the date, time and place of the meeting at which the application will first be considered to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

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SECTION 15. APPROVAL STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

The following criteria shall be used by the Planning Board in reviewing applications for Site Plan Review and shall serve as minimum requirements for approval of the application. The application shall not be approved unless the Planning Board determines that the applicant has met all of these standards. In all instances, the burden of proof shall be on the applicant who must produce evidence sufficient to warrant a finding that all applicable criteria have been met. ~~Appeals from the Planning Board’s decision must be made in accordance with the Basic Land Use Ordinance’s administrative provisions.~~

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SECTION 16. POST APPROVAL ACTIVITIES

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16.4. Minor ~~Changes~~ Amendments to Approved Plans or Activities Requiring Site Plan Approval

Minor ~~changes-amendments~~ in approved site plans or activities identified in Section 3 of this Ordinance that were in existence at the time of first adoption of this Ordinance may be approved by the a Staff Review Committee consisting of the Code Enforcement Officer, Town Planner, and Chair of the Planning Board or his/her designee, provided that any such ~~change-amendment~~ does not affect compliance with the Site Plan Review Ordinance approval standards or alter the essential nature of the ~~proposal~~ original site plan or

activity. The Town Planner shall serve as the Chair of the Staff Review Committee. Amendments to approved site plans for structures of less than one thousand (1,000) square feet shall be reviewed by the Staff Review Committee rather than the Planning Board, except that the Staff Review Committee may refer any such proposed amendments to the Planning Board if it determines that the proposed amendment affects compliance with the Site Plan Review Ordinance approval standards or alters the essential nature of the original site plan. The Staff Review Committee shall cause notice of the date, time and place of the meeting at which the minor amendment will first be considered to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting and written notice of said meeting to be mailed to all property owners within five hundred (500) feet of the parcel at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Approval by the Staff Review Committee shall require the affirmative vote of at least two members of the Committee. The applicant may request a continuation of the Staff Review Committee's consideration if only two members are present. The Code Enforcement Officer Town Planner shall provide written notice to the Planning Board and all property owners within five hundred (500) feet of the development of the fact that a minor amendment to the site plan has been approved. The minor amendment shall not become effective until forty (40) days after the date the Code Enforcement Officer provides such written notice to the Planning Board and all property owners within five hundred (500) feet of the development; during that forty (40) day time period, the Planning Board may elect to exercise jurisdiction over the proposed amendment and require that the applicant submit a formal application for an amendment to an approved site plan for review and approval by the Planning Board and, in such event, the proposed amendment shall not become effective unless and until approved by the Planning Board. Any change amendment approved by the Code Enforcement Officer Staff Review Committee pursuant to this subsection must be endorsed in writing on the approved plan by the Code Enforcement Officer Staff Review Committee. Failure of any property owner to receive the notice sent required under this subsection does not invalidate any action taken by the Code Enforcement Officer Staff Review Committee.

16.5. Amendments to Approved Plans

Approvals of site plans are dependent upon and limited to the proposals and plans contained in the application and supporting documents submitted and affirmed to by the applicant. Any variation from the plans, proposals, and supporting documents, except minor ~~changes that do not affect approval standards~~ amendments as set forth in Section 16.4 of this Ordinance, is subject to prior review and approval by the Planning Board.

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SECTION 17. APPEALS

Appeals of any action taken by the Planning Board under this Ordinance shall be to the Board of Appeals in accordance with the Basic Land Use Ordinance's administrative provisions. Action taken by the Staff Review Committee under this Ordinance may be appealed, in writing, to the Planning Board by the applicant or an aggrieved party within fifteen (15) days of final action by the Staff Review Committee; provided, however, that any action by the Staff Review Committee to refer a matter to the Planning Board shall not be appealable. The Planning Board shall hear and decide any appeal on a *de novo* basis.

Art. 13 – Shall an Ordinance entitled “2010 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and Definitions Addendum Regarding Workforce Housing” be enacted?

Recommended by Selectmen

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, the Planning Office, online at harpswell.maine.gov and will also be available at the Town Meeting.]

Article 14 may be passed over if Article 13 is defeated.

- Art. 14 – To see if the Town will vote to establish an Affordable Housing Reserve Account for the receipt of funds in accordance with the provisions of the Basic Land Use Ordinance on workforce housing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept grant funding, gifts of money and real or personal property useful in the administration of said ordinance provisions on behalf of the Town; to appropriate said funds for the construction, acquisition and maintenance of workforce housing as well as the administration of workforce housing programs consistent with the ordinance; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions as the Board of Selectmen may deem appropriate in regard to the administration of the workforce housing covenant provisions of the ordinance.**

Recommended by Selectmen

- Art. 15 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms and accept delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from the Arboretum Owners Association on property located off Oakhurst Island Road, a portion of Tax Map 63, Lot 35.**

Recommended by Selectmen

- Art. 16 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exchange release deeds, as requested by Lorna Kaufman, in order to clarify and confirm the common boundary line of the parties, which is the southerly boundary line of property owned by the Town located on the westerly side of, and adjacent to, Strawberry Creek (Tax Map 42, Lot 54) and the northerly boundary line of property owned by Lorna Kaufman (Tax Map 42, Lot 34), all as set forth on a standard boundary survey prepared by Brian Johnson of MidCoast Survey Co. and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 202, Page 450, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town.**

Recommended by Selectmen

- Art. 17 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek grant funding to study the natural resources on Town-owned properties (Tax Map 42, Lots 4, 54, 70, 72 and Tax Map 41, Lot 72) and potential placement of a conservation easement on a portion of Tax Map 42, Lots 54 and 70 (located behind the Town Offices) and to accept gifts or grants from non-Town sources for this purpose; any conservation easement would require subsequent Town Meeting approval.**

Recommended by Selectmen

- Art. 18 – To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the elected officials salaries and travel reimbursement as follows, for which Tax Collector and Town Clerk are full-time positions, and when the Selectmen fill a vacancy in any elected position, they are authorized to establish the annual payment, at their discretion, but in no case in an amount less than three-quarters of the amount in this Article:**

	2010	2009
Selectman, Chair	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	41,750	40,930
Town Clerk*	39,585	38,808
Treasurer	10,000	10,000
Road Commissioner	6,000	6,000
Travel Reimbursement	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	\$119,335	\$117,738

*Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,164 which is budgeted in Article 19.

*\$119,335 Recommended by Selectmen
\$119,335 Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,178 for General Administration.

	2010	2009
Administration & Registrar	\$271,505	\$273,360
Public Information	9,000	9,500
Legal	35,000	40,000
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>48,673</u>	<u>50,600</u>
	\$364,178	\$373,460

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,379 for memberships as follows:

	2010	2009
Maine Municipal Association	\$7,745	\$7,704
Midcoast Council of Governments	7,859	7,859
New Meadows River Watershed	1,000	1,000
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	750	750
Harpswell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$17,379	\$17,338

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 21 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,482 for the Assessing Office. (\$79,972 raised and appropriated in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,628 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$33,065 raised and appropriated in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,277 for the Town Clerk's Office. (\$49,700 raised and appropriated in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750 for the Treasurer's Office. (\$1,750 raised and appropriated in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,989 for the Code Enforcement Office. (\$87,598 raised and appropriated in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,621 for the Planning Office. (\$70,920 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$271,580 for Employee Benefits.

	2010	2009
Retirement	\$43,300	\$39,324
Health Insurance	163,740	156,060
Social Sec/Medicare	62,140	60,989
Disability	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,280</u>
	\$271,580	\$258,653

*Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer, Recusal by Selectman Wallace
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,770 for Boards and Committees. (\$4,650 raised and appropriated in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,900 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, properties and vehicles.

	2010	2009
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$67,650	\$74,250
Old Town House & Commons	5,000	4,500
Town Dock	3,250	3,250
Town Landings	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	\$81,900	\$88,000

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$501,785 for Roads.

	2010	2009
Snow Removal	449,785	\$439,000
Road Maintenance	50,000	50,000
Road/Street Signs	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	\$501,785	\$491,500

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$360,182 for Operations and Personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station.
(\$377,797 raised and appropriated in 2009)

Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer, Recusal by Selectman Wallace

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the operating and capital expenses of three fire and rescue providers as follows:

	2010	2009
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$60,000
Orr's-Bailey Island Fire and Rescue	60,000	60,000
Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	\$180,000	\$180,000

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,500 for Emergency Services and Management.

	2010	2009
ALS, Phone & Central Communications	\$18,000	\$18,000
Fire Warden	2,000	2,000
Emergency Management	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
	\$23,500	\$23,500

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,500 for Street Lighting. (\$28,500 raised and appropriated in 2009)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,603 for Harbor Management. (\$38,870 raised and appropriated in 2009)

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,686 for Animal Control. (\$23,419 raised and appropriated in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$491,854 for Law Enforcement, Communications Services and Shellfish Conservation.

	2010	2009
General Law Enforcement	\$294,194	\$328,686
Communications	29,547	28,657
Shellfish Conservation: Marine Patrol	166,113	188,999
Shellfish Conservation: Boat Operations	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$491,854	\$548,342

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,230 for General Assistance and Health and Welfare Agencies as follows:

	2010	2009
General Assistance	\$24,000	\$16,250
Community Health & Nursing	2,000	2,000
Independence Association	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730
Coastal Transportation	1,000	1,000
People Plus	1,500	1,500
Spectrum Generations	1,500	1,500
Hospice	1,500	1,500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500
Sexual Assault Response	250	250
Tedford Shelter	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500	500
Respite	1,000	1,000
Hunger Prevention	2,000	2,000
American Red Cross	1,000	0
Day One	250	250
Family Focus	<u>0</u>	<u>250</u>
	\$40,230	\$31,730

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 39 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,632 for the Cultural purposes as follows:

	2010	2009
Orr's Island Library	\$13,000	\$13,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	13,800	13,800
Harpswell Historical Society	2,000	2,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,200	1,200
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,582	0
Five River Arts Alliance	500	0
Harpswell Scouting Association	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$33,632	\$30,500

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 40 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 Harpswell Community Broadcasting. (\$36,500 raised and appropriated in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 41 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,088 for the Recreation Department. (\$30,545 raised and appropriated in 2008)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 42 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,250 for Recreation Programs, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate revenue generated by recreation programs for recreational purposes and revenue generated by advertising for operating expenses and capital improvement of Trufant-Summerton Field. (\$7,250 raised and appropriated in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 43 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the Harpswell Heating Assistance reserve account to be used for heating assistance and improving home energy efficiency. (\$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2009).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 44 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the replacement of failed septic systems. (No appropriation in 2009)

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,000 for capital reserve accounts and to combine certain accounts as follows:

	2010	2009
Boat & Motor Replacement	\$6,000	\$6,000
Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement	28,000	13,000
Generator Replacement	12,000	8,000
Dry Hydrant	0	4,000
Town Office & Facilities Improvements	<u>16,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	\$62,000	\$37,000

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for an expansion of the Orr's Island Library, such appropriation to be held in a reserve account until the Library raises \$50,000 from sources other than the Town.
(\$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2009)

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 47 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$101,361 of remaining 2009 capital reserve road funds and raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for capital road improvements to be determined by the Selectmen.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Art. 48 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$600,000 in general obligation bonds or notes for the purchase of certain emergency services vehicles, as determined to be appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, and to be owned by the Town, such amount to be held in the Emergency Vehicle Capital Account (an interest-bearing dedicated reserve account) until such time as the vehicles are purchased with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of the bonds to be determined by the Board of Selectmen provided that such vehicles are to be leased to the local fire departments that have an Emergency Services Agreement with the Town on such lease terms and conditions at the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee

Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is \$758,873, of which principal is \$600,000 and estimated interest at 4.53% over 10 years is \$158,873.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – TOWN OF HARPSWELL

The issuance of bonds by the Town of Harpswell (the “Town”) is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town as of the date of this Town Meeting:

* Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$ 2,038,334
* Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ 283,359
* Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ 2,321,693
* Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 50,000
* Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ 2,300
* Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	\$ 600,000
* Estimated of Potential New Interest	\$ 158,873
* Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$ 758,873

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued, and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

Marguerite M. Kelly, Town Treasurer

Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$665,905 and raise \$640,000 for Debt Service (with the remainder of the Debt Service, \$25,905 to be funded by a loan repayment by Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue, Inc.).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 50 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for maintenance and operations of Mitchell Field including an assessment of the structural condition of the remaining buildings.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of a bandstand at Mitchell Field at no cost to the Town and on such further terms and conditions, including specific location, as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept delivery of a bill of sale for the bandstand upon completion and construction.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to continue, until the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, to pursue a review by the Maine State Legislature of the Legislature’s 1998 decision to change the northern common boundary of Harpswell Neck and the Town of Brunswick and to reestablish the common boundary between the Towns of Harpswell and Brunswick at its original and historic location, prior to the 1998 alteration by the Maine State Legislature; and, to report to the Inhabitants of the Town at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting with further recommendations.

*Recommended by Selectman Multer
No Recommendation from Selectmen Henderson and Wallace*

Article 53 may be passed over if Article 52 is defeated.

Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for administrative, legal, and lobbying expenses incurred by the Town in pursuing the reestablishment of the common boundary referred to in the preceding article.

*Recommended by Selectman Multer
No Recommendation from Selectmen Henderson and Wallace
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to hire a consultant to assess and evaluate proposed changes by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to flood insurance rate maps for the Town of Harpswell.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 55 — To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA).

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 56 — To see if the Town will appropriate an amount not to exceed \$3,480 from the Community Development account for the “Welcome to Harpswell” sign project.

Recommended by Selectmen

(Note: As of December 31, 2009, \$3,480 was available in this account)

Art. 57 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for energy conservation projects and to use such appropriation if needed as the Town’s share to match grants and/or other funding sources for energy conservation measures.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

Art. 58 –63 The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 58-63 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.

Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2010 as the date when the first one-half of taxes shall be due and payable, with interest on the first installment to start after that date, and the date of December 15, 2010 as the date when the second one-half of taxes are due and payable, with interest on the second installment to start after that date, and to see if the Town will vote to charge a 6% rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a services to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid in over the amount finally committed shall be repaid without interest. (36 M.R.S.A. § 506). (Excess payment of \$10.00 or less may be credited to 2011 taxes).

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from undesignated fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen, at its discretion, to sell by sealed bid or public auction and to convey by quit-claim deed any real estate acquired from tax sources by the Town, or to convey the property to the prior owner upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 62 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2010 budget from January 1, 2011 to the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 63 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by public bid or other competitive process any and all personal property deemed excess by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to such restrictions as the Board of Selectmen may impose.

Recommended by Selectmen

Art. 64 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$110,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,472,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, and \$265,000 of undesignated fund balance to reduce the tax commitment.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 65 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.

Art. 65 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,184,539 established for Harpswell by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be available at the Town office during regular business hours for the entire week preceding said meeting to receive applications of persons claiming the right to vote at said meeting and to make corrections to the list of voters. Registrations will be accepted at the meeting.

SAMPLE
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF HARPSWELL
MARCH 20, 2010

Rosalind M. Knight
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, **write the candidate's name and municipality of residence** on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

**FOR SELECTMAN ASSESSOR
AND OVERSEER OF THE POOR**

Vote for **ONE** 3-Year Term

- ☐ HAWKES, ALISON S.
- ☐ HENDERSON, JAMES S.

(Write-in)

FOR TOWN TREASURER

Vote for **ONE** 3-Year Term

- ☐ KELLY, MARGUERITE M.

(Write-in)

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Vote for **ONE** 3-Year Term

- ☐ YORK, MARTHA L.

(Write-in)

**FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF
M.S.A.D. NO. 75**

Vote for **ONE** 3-Year Term

- ☐ CARRIER, DOROTHY D.
- ☐ HALL, LINDA W.

(Write-in)

FOR TOWN CLERK

Vote for **ONE** 3-Year Term

- ☐ KNIGHT, ROSALIND M.

(Write-in)

REFERENDUM QUESTION

Article 3

- ☐ **YES**
- ☐ **NO**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$119,884 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.

Recommended by Selectmen Henderson and Multer
Not Recommended by Selectman Wallace